Howland Wood - Personal

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1904-1910

My dear Mrs Wood. Ridgefield. Conn. Aug. 14 '01

I was glad to again see (reading my spirit-inspiration) your sign-manual; and I always am. Recently attended funeral at Bryn Mawr. Sister of my lovely sisters the wife of my brother, J. Teo. N. Ely, Chief Eng. Pa. R.R. Co. It was an awful blow for him, for it came suddenly as result of an operation (appendicitis) I think within 48 hours after the disease is known the operation must follow in order to insure recovery. In this case Mrs Ely would have recovered had not peritonitis set in. My heart has been so heavy because of my brother's bereavement that I was glad to have my thoughts diverted by the

Yes. You sent for my inspection. Pardon my unnaturally bad writing. Due to a wretched pen. Numismatica

S. Sitra &c. cannot be attributed to Nero. I have seen the H-b-T-9.; & have the Nero T, as you know. Each has a nice cs. of Nero with the numeral on same side; on the other side is no cs— Your &c. lacks "Nero" & has cs on "S" on both sides. Then, too. the "S" is a different style of lettering from the "T". Also, the &c. itself is much smaller. .

I congratulate you on 2 coins with its fine cut of Nero. Keep it by all means. The cs. varies. often the style of lettering reminds one of Scripophilia for with cs. "S K" & both below it "Nero" in fancy lettering; & also, the cut. Nero which is of different

Kind of print. You needn't have sent any thing for 1.10 — too small a matter thank you for "F. O". I'll imagine the cs. to be a variety. Mine is an extended cs. but the English Ld & Upd (I forget which) badly worn. Your cs. R.F on U.S cent of 1810 no more singular date — than Gay's similar cs on 1805. U.S. Cent. Vide Gay's illustrations under Gundelute. Will not write him for information, as your file is O.K. but for his information would tell him of cs. on 1810 cent of U.S

Your 2 Danish West Indies. are not for Know the recent coinage of Denmark or current to-day. If you can find them use for me very fine condition or slightly Uncirculated, I'd be so

I have all the Vols of N. J. Hist Soc I desire - except these 5. Too. in incomplete condition. Only one of any rarity is that of 1740. In a general sense a bit has no definite meaning. matter is considered at value. In West Indies as you have intimated a but is 10 cts in Std English. Un-reading Spec. letter of mine I may Reck Spec the 20 ct. Thank you. Hope you Kindly at your convenience ascertain what some Boston dealer in rare books, could give me for History of Boston (Rest. and &c) by Samuel G. Drake. Published Luther Stevens Boston 1856. Out of print Last year Lubbie & Co sold one at auction for $12.00 Also, as certain 400 of following books are specially rare & common
S. G. Arnold's History of Rhode Is. 1859. 2 vols. 75
Hollister's Hist. of Conn. 1855 (2 vols.) fair Picture from 250 Eng

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Dear Sir. I read with pleasure your letter of the 10th. Though for 25 years I've given special attention to Numismatics, I am conscious of being still a slow learner. The application of a student serves to enlarge his mental horizon, and to remind him of his imperfect or lashes defective vision. I just was interested in U. S. coins, including essays. Having acquired nearly every thing the collectors desired, even the 1827 ¼ $, 1862 ½ dime 1838 $ & all the gold but $5. I

1822 — thinking it foolish to
have so much good money in-
vested in the numismatical part
of numismatics, though Lyman
H. Low I sold the collection
— there being two distinct
sales. The superb gold collection
was sold separately. I have
always regretted parting with
it because of its being so
profitable an investment as
present prices indicate. There
were many pieces not found
in U. S. Mint — which its
director would have bought
if commanding the requisite
means. But what is the
annual sum of $300 no —

appropriated by the Government to the needs of the mint, even for purchasing its own ingots? I used the word monumental! So as the amount becomes where any collects is in quest of dates instead of types and varieties. $150.# for 1794 $ when $25. would buy both the flowing hair & the type of 1795; then not another $ (even the 1804 $ of the fifties) needed until 1836. Just so with the 1/2 $ series. No need of laying $100.00 more or less for each 1/2 $ of 1796 & 1797 (as I did). Simply get the

types and varieties of the mint state for a comparatively small sum; and arrange them according to issue, ignoring the date. I paid $50. for 1804 cent. How foolish! The 1803 or 1805 would have sufficed. And three advantages follow: — money saved to put into another branch of numismatics, Every coin then be coin (F.D.C) or made so attractive that ever ladies would derive pleasure from inspection. For at least 15 years I have been trying to get fine specimens of coins, tokens pieces or medals of the islands of the world — giving preference

of course to the former (coins) my collection is not very large but choice. It consists of spec. of ancient Syracuse, Eubœa, Macedonia, Rhodes, Egina, Cyprus, Cos &c &c; rebel $ of Formosa, Superb crowns of France (Paris where they were struck is situated (so I ascertained when living there) in la cité, an island; of Isles of Wight, Man, Ely, Thanet &c &c; but I'll not finish the list. Suffice to say I have been especially interested in the cut silver & base metal of West Indies with the various counterstamps thereon. I have demonstrated to satisfaction

I hereby express the sincere
distribution of many friends
[illegible] Dear [illegible] that
some attributed to Mont[illegible] que
being to Montreal. My in-
[illegible] was to be [illegible]
[illegible] mainly from correspond-
ence with [illegible] "up to date"
and comfortable to speak
my favorite author [illegible] Gay-
[illegible] [illegible] as to English
[illegible] French [illegible] coins
& counterfeits. I conceived
among others as I have
[illegible] with Gay & Paris. He
[illegible] of French [illegible]

+ The Head. I am glad to see
of Dominica. I saw Mr Dolands
We have recently exchanged
visits but I stupidly omitted
The merit of my insular quad
is this that at first
there is almost as much
in this country seldom
living in the desire. Now
and then in fine - Hall
St. Island of Montreal, Cuba
Puerto Rico & some others. It
is by imitation I acquire
my choice pieces. At Schumans
I had 2 dates, Amsterdam I
acquired since Christmas

[illegible] Sons of Work Studies
But must go cautiously. In
Prof Bergsoe's collection and
catalogue there are many
numbers of bryos & mosses, even
some hepaticas. Schumann
probably accepts them according to names made by
Bergsoe. I do not own the
works of Mich & Quelch & Ego
can not seriously consider the
C.S. Coms to which you include
but already belong to the rules
Linnean Society, but
have not attended. [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] on
your Rhizopoda. Positively at
once as they are [illegible] date. I may
accept at Rhizopoda means to me
Mucor Sorol Fusicoly

Dear Mr Ward

Ridgefield. Conn. XXIX

Sec[y] Am. Numis. Assn.

Mch

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I always mean & generally do promptly reply to letters. As soon as I receive your very interesting letter despite its handwritten as to certain dates, I noted inquiries to a Mr Indian correspondent. As yet I have received no reply & so cannot, except so far as I am competent to decide, misstate the needed information. But my prolonged delay is because I have been a great sufferer & in my misery did not feel like wearing the thinking-cap so far as my assistant employees. If will not forthwith be sufficient again. Now I am somewhat embarrassed by the fact that your first letter with its mem. of inquiries is mysteriously missing. So thanks

I make out a written in duplicate. One I'll send to E. Gay expert and a copy for his consideration. I corresponded with Gay and he has initiated radicate in formation. I think I was the first to prove that Cayenne sound c'stanfek with "H" being for Martinique. My attention was just called to numerous attributions by noting Gerfaini. Hica, Leeward Isl with whom I have corresponded for a decade. He was personally acquainted with old people who remembered when they were current in Montserrat. Then, too, I obtained from a citizen of the Island base of ~~silver~~ parts of sections of Span. & Rf. of Mexico is 1/4 & 1/2 is $. cf 1 or 3 angles Mr Gay says it very rare. Now Gay, L. H. Low, Schlumm accept this attribution, Gay in his supplement to his authoritative book

which he sent me, changes & transfers the C.S.M. from Martinique to Montserrat. If you have not his supplement to do please do with first for your its changes in this section of your Schlemmer's Bergsee catalog & so will I will give you a list by number of 20 to 30 pieces either confetti or more interesting & can give prices for which sold as I have a price-list. Our N.Y. Philatelic Society has had new life infused into it. Thought only 1½ h. from where I do not attend its meetings it would necessitate my remaining over night & I don't fancy leaving Ely since we work our "help" in this retail [illegible] with some 60 N.Y. callages now closed. Remember me most kindly to Mrs Mauris. I regret I've not the notes you refer to! My knowledge of the question languages is confined to French & Italian. Once had a church in Paris

and after a year in study. One of my
correspondents, Mr Leeds of French
Colonies desires me to purchase
for him (if not costly) the French
medal on Spanish Main American War
described in Numismatic Journal
Vol XXXVIII, No 1, p. 12. Kindly see
for what you can buy a perfect
medal of this description. Though
I collect "Islands" in general I've
made for so far a special study
of those of West Indies. Am now
in quest of the specimens of Martinique
cut-8 Rials or of 8 $; ½ $ (cut) c/m
in 3 angles in hexagram S.V; cut.
silver of Maria c/m "Maria", the H
bit c/m of Dominica, Havana; 5
gold of Grenada c/m G on bitt
side (Vide Chalmers) Can you indicate
where they can be had. Please again
let know what will give information
respecting Castaneda. Yours

Dear Sir,
I am called out of town
for a week and will
be back on the 12th inst.
Yours truly

Ridgefield. Conn. May XV

Dear Mr Wood,

I enjoyed the perusal (St. Stephen's Rectory) of your letter. My regret is the lack of time to consider at length in this my quasi-reply its text. Until the middle of June I shall be a very busy priest, as this St. is to visit us June 4. A.M. June 11. He of course, comes here to confirm a class. To organize & suitably prepare it exacts hard work — through the instrumentality of the legs and tongue, especially in this rural parish with its scattered population — some 60 to 70 picturesque cottages being annually closed from Oct - Nov. to May - June. I mail you to-day 2 letters from a distinguished French official, who has been my guest. He is a think chief inspector of the French Colonies & is at present in this State. He collects only coins, medals &c — of the French Colonies, & pieces that have French words or characteristics, or symbols on them.

Yours very sincerely

of was for him I desired the medal you have kindly sought for me. My friend thinks it somewhat common. He returns to Paris this month to report to his Government; & to await orders. I send two (as proofs) of his letters. As he is a Parisian, you must make allowance for his quaint expressions. From them you will learn just what species (scribably not all) were bogus or invented at Bergsoë's sale, & at second. I sent him bids for about $1.00 to execute for me; but he would not bid for more than a few pieces, and those I picked were not among the authenticated species. I have the printed price-list of that sale that he will loan you — assuming you haven't it. The latter referring to certain contemplated attribution-changes in his book was of course penned prior to my furnishing his supplement. Also, inclose description of a piece

that Jay sent me as a present after calling strongly to London minds personal attention to it. I recently sent him the very rare, unpublished 2 leafs of Santa Maria. He will over his own signature publish in London — joined a paragraph or two about it. When you have read letters & mem.ⁿ noticed please return them. A few days since I rec'd a very interesting & instructive letter from Jay. He has a very large collection, but seldom any duplicates. He is in no sense a dealer, but when he has duplicates will let a collector have the same at the sum he paid. Schulman of the Netherlands has just sent me a catalogue of J. White Ring sale, 3ʳᵈ last. Sale in June. As it [illegible] nothing I want & probably a great many things in some line, I loan it to you with pleasure. Probably, though he has sent it to you. Etc many more &c may with Jay's

assistance give the attribution (Arrpa) to at least some of the 1b coin-drums for first I will regard it as a favor if you will loan me same, July A. Nevs 1477 cat. Berlin 1899 or the book of J Mich & Subsequent, To their return which I can meanwhile supplement it I will try to borrow J von Fraschert's (Inst cat. issued by A Nevs

Within a few weeks I have rec'd from France of a private party & is a reasonable sum the following pieces, cut-flans for Dominica (Leeward Isles), having on face on rim ~~XII~~ 12 in which fits my cut-silver (Dominica) 6(crown), similar silver-cut flan with XII (instead of crown) & VI that exactly fits (vide Jay's supplement, Jay's # 214, #49 & the companion-piece H. 2. 1 & 1/2 reals, Venezuela Centavo c/m F. D. (François Declus) vide citations p. 123, note; Constantia (Cronial) 1785 ~~Cline~~ Vierge Isle (Crab Island) near Punto Rico & (in case) (vide Jay's supplement) heart, crowned V, (Martinique) (crown) on rim [illegible]

1805 U. S cent. 9th (Montserrat), 7th (St Barthelemew) Cayenne sou with Mitchef for Montserrat, Cs G. or U S cent fs Guadeloupe
St
S D. & M fs San Domingo

Pardon my bad chirography. More illegible because I writing in the dark Next time will take more care.

Truce & Success

Foster Ely

Howland Wood Esq.

Inclosed [illegible] 5/26.05
for Ex. Chap
[illegible] books
[illegible]. If not helpful
in describing [illegible]
need, they will afford
[illegible] information
Pendar f. card. In 3 or
4 weeks when [illegible] is
relaxed I'll write at
length. Some 3 fcc. for
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help may give needed
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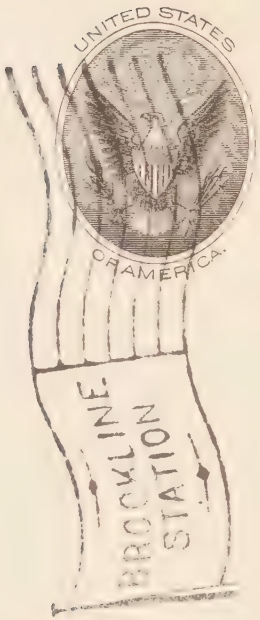

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Sec. of
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Brookline. Mass.

Ridgefield Conn VI-19-05

Dear Mrs Wood

It is now nearly my bedtime, 11:45. I can steal but a few minutes. The Bishop has come and gone; my visit has been made at Bridgeport & our Diocesan Convention at Hartford attended. As soon as I finish my calls on the many Parishioners now offering for the season of four or five months their unanimous cottages I hope to have ample time to commune with Nemesia. The bit of you so kindly loaned me necessarily sheltered for the season & directed find 35 cts in stamps to indemnify you for express charges

on the same. As you have commercial intercourse with dealers abroad as I have you can undoubtedly use the 13 ct. value — & [illegible] & [illegible] postage I return yours just rubbings of what refer to them. No 1 with crown & P. M. is for Mozambique. No doubt of it. No 2 "M" & stem defin is for Montserrat & possibly for St. Martin. Am not certain. No 3 "M" in relief in inner circle on Cayenne 50c & No 4 "M" in square on base head & c are both certainly for Montserrat Through a clerk in Custom House at Montserrat I have procured several cts. "M"

Cayenne Sous, cut-square —
No 5. — 8 reales or Spanish
piece 80 rei 1779 & also. Large 8
or 11 S. cent of 1817 are considered
No 6 ~~ordinary Mexican~~ NO 3 Times
on a 2 real 1773 of Spain is
also a puzzle. Probably or. of
the initials of some Spanish Assay
who visited Mexico
else "Castle" Fortress. or No 7
— similar piece as you write
in Bergsoë's sale but with Rx
plain the ob. is the monogram
of Fernando VII; — Rev. En Durango (Mexico)

Cf. Estate Mexico.

I wish you would either sell
at what it cost you or exchange
to something No 2 — The 50

c/mid m of the Splendelize.
I can give you as it is St.
Kitts (you will c/m S. K"
or you with c/m St
Bartholomew. These last places
cost me with one exception ff 1st
each. The exception is That
sold to me by Brooks of N Y
Com of Hamilton when I was
a mere beginner for $3. These
Res. can be obtained in Paris
for $1. each. Addio
Sor Foster Ely

Dear Sir Wood Ridgefield. Conn

In my last letter, I 7-10. of gave what seemed to be a reasonable attribution of some of some trees as exemplified by rubbings. I did this because my judgment coincided with that of Mr. Sallee of France, my correspondent & a friend of Jay. I now inclose some fruit which Jay after careful examination has returned. He says that he deems it known species. Should you may infer from what he has written of it. I attach a rubbing of three leaves & a flower of the Hawthorn desires it (being in his line as a botanic French Colonial wines.) The Hawthorn may indicate it belongs to St. Martin & he will so maintain. I think the specimen can be of little value & yet may be worth while to Jay as an authority. Those leaves

use with but little in Paris. Recently obtained one with c/m. G, & another with c/m. S.L (St. Lucia) for 50 cts each. I'll give you something as I owned in my last letter for it in exchange. On receiving it I will forward it at once to you. Within 2 or 3 days I'll return your bottle, except 2 pamphlets relative to occidental cosmogony. Wish to retain them longer. Am especially interested as I write in medical affairs of Nicaragua & Honduras. Kindly at your convenience give me a description of what silver you have of Mozambique & Madagascar. Thanks for the loan of bottle. Very instructive & interesting. Inclosed stamps for mailing good enough. Sincerely yours

H. Mosely

Foster Ely

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Dear Mr Ward.

As the package has gone containing the literature for Kindly loaned, I could have not returned the Key Catalog. for Off. d. d Kindly Cates for it. as it might be needed. Information. Thank you for for obtaining the H. and. piece. Have just forwarded it to E. Gay. Erie, he attributes its c/m M. to St ~~Hacc~~ L. Montserat (probably correct) & c/m 1 a sort of Flemish de Fio for St. Martin. I will be in doubt as to the St. Martin attri-

button as the Guadeloupe. I is to distinguish species for Guadeloupe. I have had a dealer with the Guadeloupe c/m. diadem 2 sous Cayenne c'stamped with Swedish crown. I cut the $1.50, I have to duplicate that cost the same. For any of the c'marked Cayenne sous 75. to $1. is enough. Yet the St. Barthelemew is very scarce. In some list of rubbing (I think not) Fr. species with c/m crown can hardly

Ve for SS. Barth. I am English
Crown. & have it sed (different
coins) & the Swedish crown
is invariably the Spanish.
I do not intend to Rub
in my mental collection
any sic. I doubtful attri-
butions. I have a Spanish
Reseta with a bold and
very fine old coin of "b. V."
I am trying to ascertain
whether I have a Cute
Leude sic. Have a Silver
Jeton of Burnt Totten. I
Sun de Burke with an
old C.T. coin. Some

Jon place the c.s.s -
If can not be St Vincent,
for it is not St V. nor
SV (monogram) shall
retain the Fc. because
Franck is a Germany
name of Guadeloupe
Ile d Rave of Madagascar
is 1883 - 10 chins E. Proj.
cost 20 cts. If it will not
hurt you to too much
frontier when interior
heat abates, I'll be
much obliged if from
the list of the — ch

Allegão. You will designate
as my information the
most important res. Perhaps
my friend Stan A. Salles
chief protectors of French
Colonies & who visits
all French Africa regions
may find me & also
himself some of them
Salles has been my guest
for meet has been decor-
rated with Legion of Honor
He is a very intelligent
and persistent collector of
all-French colonials us

with as Kes, bearing any
French words or distinctive
symbols of France. It
was in this I desired
the Cuban medal, des-
cribed in Francis. Journal
& Recorder which we
concerted. Hope you
will still look for it
& Mozart Hospital I bought
at one of Louis's sales
the medal stated for
Reis of 1853. (Vide p. 157
of Stand. Scott Standard Coin
Catalogue, 17 ed. 1893. p

have also the 2 others
belongs of which I send
for illustration. That
of 1843 is exceedingly
fine. Bought of a dealer
in 1895, paying $10.00
That of 1815, somewhat
smaller but thicker, I
bought of Chapman Bro.
some years ago for $4.00
The obv. is fine. Of the
Rev. I am not quite
below it are neatly placed
Chapmans said of this
a "Madagascar"; but I
designate it a Mozambique

Kindly at some convenience return rubbings as I wish to send them to a friend abroad.

Chairmans are often mistaken. In fact, I have bought 2 or 3 silver keys at their auctions which they attributed to Gibraltar but which I knew at the time of bidding were of Jamaica — having the late G. R. Stoddart Esq. Vide Chalmers Colonial Currency p. 103. My conscience was eased

by telling them before sale
the attribution was erroneous
Did not think it my duty
to tell them being experts?
any more. Some years ago
before I had made
study of West Indian
c'stamps &c. I said the
Chapman states $10. for a
2 R/S pelota bearing not
as a c/m but as belonging
to the set. The S|M. They
said it was [illegible]
W. J. Jay recently declared
it (correctly) to be [illegible]
[illegible] Martin & sent
me a certificate with

Examining my collection
I found at least 2 of these
coppers (very common). They
are no longer in my West
Indian cabinet. Fortunately
the $/M peseta is very rare
& is unpublished. Few
here knew of its existence
in silver. I traded with
him & needed pieces
on the basis of $6. — thus
losing $4.00 plus interest
after lapse of years I did
not think it best to remind
the Chairmans of their ignorance
& was too proud to correct

my own. In G. C. Adams' sale of this week I called his attention to the erroneous attribution of "Trinidad" to his piece but not being a crowned, it is not of Dominica. It is undoubtedly of Curaçao. I have one c/m C corresponding to his description. Vide Scott & Coin Co's cat. 1893, 27th ed p. 45. Dominica No 2 — Curaçao, No 31 & have not varieties of Patterns as you know. Say in his supplement he changed

the attribution of G. P (Gracula
religiosa) could from Guadeloupe
to the Azores. Please tell
me why he could now
now attribute it to Mozam-
bique? The rubbing is some-
what indistinct that sent.
I wish I had Ramsden's
Sugar Canta" letters. If I
knew who the published was
I'd order it. Possibly the
librarian of Congress may
tell me. Only letter I can
distinctly use those of Eden
& Central Park. These letters
are as plentiful as and

I even made so much Mexican
fiction of St. Thomas & yet
made difficult to place
can you identify the
route A La Tierra, &c &c
en effectos; on l'autre coté
Angenió, Perez
V
E. Scaun — ; alia
Angenio et Pilar
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I have written at length
being too warm to
study, to call on Santhum
& to stay. Sent at once
Club. Next month I
not before Sept

write again. I am always
interested in your letters.
You write intelligently
& lucidly.
Your mind & account
letters in sense I do &
Dr. Write whenever the
fancy moves you.
I have for exchange
a fine proof, dble gouache
1820 Haiti. It was bought
by me Paris — I having one
already. See Scott cat. 9th
& subsq. p. 44, 1893. It cost
at auction $6. Also have
Jay's Martinique Register and
Ride Page — 2 vols, illus. in 4 sq.

Paid Chapman Bros. $2.50
Since years passed. Price is
right only $1.50, though late. Can exchange (having duplicates) since Nelkins ½ d Litten (E) & date Wright. Cost $1.00

Yours
Foster Ely

Perhaps for St. Barthelemy

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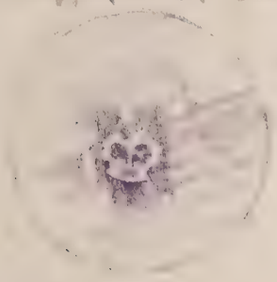

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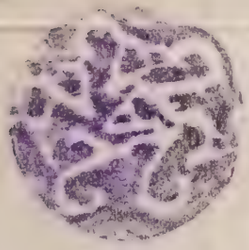

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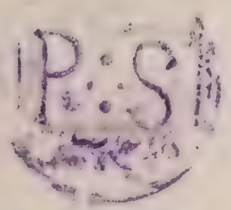

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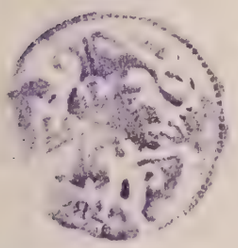

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Not Colonial — Ancient piece of xxxds
Pierced with a fine design to pass for 8s

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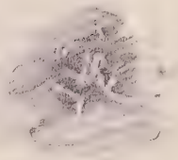

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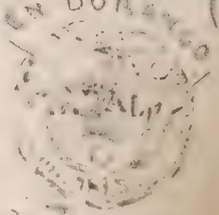

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I [illegible] on a [illegible] dollar [illegible] and again the same on a [illegible] dollar of [illegible]

but with the addition of [L.C.M] [illegible]

cost I [illegible] [illegible]

The attribution of many
of these neither
can nor Sallee,
nor Pistes (and conception-
dents) can give. Probably
as many like unlike

To note a correspondent
the es. is "hat" de quelque
simple particulier qui veut
passer à la postérité comme
le barbier François Declos de la
Trinidad V. de Chalmus
p 123,
note at bottom 1 1
F. Em

this is the first one with crown + P.M. I have seen. I understand it is for Moçambique and is of the same type as the common crown G.P. used in the Azores

Johnson Mar. 20

St Stephen's R.

Dear Mr Wood Ridgefield Ct

Your letter is a 7-20-25

most welcome & interesting that it demands a reply notwithstanding while appreciating & regretting the labor which it has cost you to send illustrations with needed explanations of the Res of Mozambique and Zanzibar; as in a former letter those of Loo chioo. The only one I have of the latter is that of your first drawing; and not having the blank R it is genuine. It is a superb specimen. I desire at least one very fine # 1 Zanzibar and specimens of all

to me. I made a mistake, more than a joyous calamity about the P. M. I somehow was thinking of the G. P. O. Correio Portuguies. But what does the M of P. M. stand for? I have a very fine Indian duplex of Victoria, 1886 with large bold letters in relief P. M. c'stamped on it & evidently by public authorization. Paid an extra $1.00 for it some years ago — assuming that the P. M. was the English etc. in Ph. Philippines & Manila the chief city many yes'.

have been sold at auction with this c'mark attributed to the P. J is. I know that on some of the base coins of the Dolardo is F. M. And this the Spanish initial letter seems to be the natural one instead of the English P. But if the coin is of English procedure it would probably be P. (Philippines) M. (Manilla). But why should the English c'stamp its types for a Spanish country, as it was in 1884? I think I have (am not certain) a Spanish Indian Spanish with the P. M. coined. But what does the P on some Mozambique &c mean

If is only recently that Jay learned from l'agent consulaire of France — à Ponta Delgada that G. P. belongs as a crown to the Açores or not (to Guadeloupe. Dans la suite I have in my mem. book changed the attribution of my set of silver Rs with c/m of G. P. crowned. Just found in the South American Minister c/m P. M. The Span. & Portug. to has materialized as, but as a crown of Archduchess M. Theresa of Austria, 1780. It means the c/m of P. M crowned or is certainly for the Philippines. But does Jay

attribute the G. P. without-
crown as well as with to the
Azores. Vide his book p. 201,
" 19. Does he issue this over to
the Azores or does the Gem-
de his still retain it — Is
Guadeloupe? My English
rupee to which I referred as
having P. M. ~~the~~ is without
the crown. I forget whether
your Mozambique piece had
crown over the P. M. Zaye
in his supplement 23 f.
~~gives~~ illustrates an English
2 shillings as having G. P
crwd. Don't know that this
is more singular than
an English rupee having
the effigy of the Sultan

If is late. I am fatigued. My meaning may not be clear Have'nt time to write. My sentences somewhat involved because finding certain pieces of white writing paper boxes & covers are on my desk. I write for information. At some future time when some 70 to 80 cottages are closed or so I have ample time. it will afford me pleasure to inspect some 60 Factories of Cuban sugar plantations. I have about 12 or 15. Cost 3 cts each at one of Lou's sales. Those selected

"Eden Park" are listed in one
of cat.s you loaned me. I have
two sets, one in bronze, the other
in brass. I have written to Low
to loan me that little book. Hope
for yours sake I may get it.
Thank you for papers. will return
them in due time. If is only
mountain fees that I care for.
Therefore was especially interested
in the list of Madeiras. The
illustrations enhanced the interest
of the subject matter. I have
two. One is silver, (unpublished)
I think) of 1799. It bears name
of Vincente d'Orvieto & Co
(in your list #13, only silver
instead of bronze. I bought

at an auction & usually attended. after a spirited bidding contest it was knocked down to me at $13.25
The other piece I have is some listed number (in Batties?) 100 Reis of 1831 (bronze) of Diogo Adams. Later on I'll write Pleasure send Charles on English Colonial Currency Shall I send at same time "A Manual Coins of British Possessions & Colonies. (1889) London It is an admirable book of 381 pp & a valuable contribution to Numismatic literature. Faithfully yrs

Foster Ely

Ridgefield Ct. Feb. 7 1905

My dear Mr Wood - I hasten to write
in reply to your favor of to-day as
I have the time, being released
for my pulpit next Sunday a.m.
I can hardly claim any time
as my own between May & Nov
— the period in which our L. I.
cottages (!) are open. To acquit
myself satisfactorily requires study
Representative families are here
from nearly all the leading Epis-
copal churches & some of them
are accustomed to very fine preach-
ing. I cannot do as many
rectors who have their people
with them all the year make
frequent visits & so become
well acquainted — therefore

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increasing their popularity. In my experience one formal call — unless receiving special courtesies must suffice. By means fulfilling ministration I obtained of all. And in not wearying it is through work to weekly concentrate one's thoughts on a topic that will interest & be beneficial to the congregation. Then too, I hasten in order that you send only 2 & not 3. Illinois Journals — send vol XXX & NO II & Vol XXXVIII No 4. From your reference to 3 Journals. I conclude you have planned 3 articles on Iowa. If so, I must have missed the 1st. Some time ago my friend

requested me to send an article on Siam to the Times Journal. This I did & so relinquished my journal without reading the article. On second thought, if you did write a third paper you may forward it just the same, as I wish to "mark, learn & inwardly digest" as one of the editors in our Ray & Bowker heads of these journals cost you anything inform me so I may indemnify you. My friend is especially interested in any coins, tokens or medals of countries or provinces with which the French have had anything to do or that bear a French inscription, be it but a word

He is the intimate friend of Gay & is himself a man of prominence last year on his return from the Fungus Isles to which French Sir it ordered him, he was very great. Last May he returned to Paris from Guadeloupe to invite his support for the Girt; for he is Inspecteur des Colonies Francaises & as mark wears the ribbon of the Legion of Honor. Whenever he visits a Colony it is to criticize the administration & its Governor favorably is otherwise & note needed Sir ——. In respect to contents of your letter I submit that to-day I write at length to this gentleman & with special

reference to the P. M. crowd & without crowd of it may be a month before I get a reply. Also. requested him to find me if possible, certain needed pieces. Neither he nor Jay being dealers in the pieces. They occasionally send & get at cost. Jay sometimes sells those he calls "amateurs" to distinguish them from dealers. For instance he sent me about $13 worth of the cut $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ ft of Martinique (vide Jay p. 214, no. 49 - the $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ ft of Martinique corresponding in the heart-shaped cut to style of the $ & ½ pieces used). These 3 pieces cost the amateur at one of Scherman's sale, nearly twice $13. I bid for the ½ piece alone some 40 francs. Since writing to you & before getting

Jour interesting letter that the P. M
Count was hardly for Philippines
as Spain would not be apt to
have aforesaid c/m, one letter
for the Islands & the other for
their chief cities - unless so requested
by the Islanders, the Filipinos;
& this was hardly probable. Yet
it may have done so, the
crown c/m being the symbol of
Spain's sovereignty. Before finishing
these lines, I'll examine the
fac. & ascertain if the crown
be that of Spain. If of Portugal
I shall cancel the c/m
for the present at least that
of Port. for Mozambique. I can
give (on mature reflection) no
excuse whatever for attributing

the cwmd P. M. to the Philippines &
I think it & the P. M. victorian
issue I bought of the Chapmans
[illegible] (cost a go - when I had made
no special study of c'stamps -
& who lets me the c/m issue for
the Filipinos. I know that
during the last year the
cwmd P. M. has been attributed
by catalogues of N. Y. & Phil to
these Islands and sold as
such. The P. M. mentioned I have
no better authority for my attribution
in N.Y. & Phil
than dealers and catalogues
I saw had never seen at time he
wrote the C. I. G. M. mentioned
except with flourdelis. Vide Gen
201, "19. When I know more
about it - receiving Jay's ex-
planation & will write! Vide Scott

Stanley Coin Co is standard cat. (copper coinage) of 1893, p. 168 - Philippine Islands. " m. m. F (difficult) m- (mint). I was in error. The m. m. of Knox means mint mark & is not a c'stamp. I take back what I said. When writing to a friend I do not stop to verify as when writing for the press. Your copper I sent Mr. Jay unfortunately I cannot recall as to c'stamp. Was there anything else c'marked but a kind of stem de lio? Jay in a recent letter writes from his country-seat at Sèvres (I recall from his letter the double c/m of M and T) d'ai une variété de cette pièce avec S^T M. quant aux pièces ₡ et 2 sous. de Cayenne j'en ai une collection considérable mais il s'en présente rarement une que je ne possède ..

5) The fr. has five c'stamps. According to Gay one is Montserrat & the fleur de lis (& whatever it is) is French Mart. or Martin. Do answer your question, again & again, especially in West Indies & S. America —

Each bear 2 c'stamps — one misspelled in one locality & the other in another. I have 1/4 of St. & Reals neatly c'stamped Tortola & on each of the 3 angles in monogram the c/m of St. Vincent ✠. I have 2 sols just c'stamp St. Christopher's & St. Kitts, S.K. & second "Nevis" I have many others with double c/m & each for a different locality but errors in this vein. As yet I have not rec'd a reply from Low — as King is loan of vol. on organization stamps. I send a

rubbing (such as it is) of 1780 States of Maria Theresa, archduchess & Queen P. Married & duchess of Victoria for India 1889. Medikes Mrs. Ely read Know how to make a rubbing — Sho. she is a graduate of Yale art school & is a mistress of drawing & sketching. Can you tell me how to do it well? You seem to be an adept. Shall send bids to Schulman's Oct. sale — Un R. supplementary. Atkins so very helpful in making out the list as the sale of less many fine British Colonials. If you have any fine duplicates of mountains for exchange kindly inform me & at same time give many basis of exchange. Hope to send checklists & Atkin's book next

Rec'd. If you intend to forward bids you'll have A.H.R. in time to serve him. If I do not write often you'll understand. So me suis fiché I assure you I enjoy receiving your letters & hope you'll not neglect telling of those you hear and receive. My wife has a very valuable collection of autographic letters signed (A.L.S.) it is in great part one of Samuel Seabury & Bishop Samuel Provoost of N.Y. Thomas John Claggett of Md., Robert Smith of S.C. Abraham Jarvis of Conn., William Murray Blair of Md — all Bps of P.E. Epis. Church — Seabury being the first Bishop of our Church in U.S. Of even you see in my election-

catalog. or A.L.S. any of the foregoing Mss. offered. Kindly see that auctioneers send me catalog. in time to bid. I've had occasional dealings with Boston auctioneers of Mss. but do not regularly receive their catalogs.

In fact I don't care for them much.

Expectations are fleeting

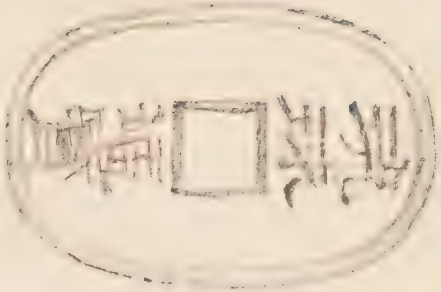
It is now 11:30 P.M. & I must be my bedtime. Your European experience must have been numismatically profitable. Unfortunately during my residence in Paris as minister in charge I am Epis. Ch. & Jean's mission in Italy — principally Rome, Florence, Naples & Venice I was not acquainted with Numismata

Sincerely yours
Foster Ely

The crown over P.M. is so poorly defective that it is impossible to decipher whether it is of crown of Austria or Portugal. It is not of crown of Austria.

A Gentleman
correspondent has
heard of your
articles in Human
Journal Vol XXXVIII
No 4 — Vol XXXIX
No 1, & greatly
desires me (o
send him the
articles with
accompanying
illustrations
I will send him
but in order
for you have a
copy of each
Journal for
can share

back numbers
cost 50cts each;
so I do not care
to pay so much
especially on account
of an item I
whom I can
take nothing in
return. You must
not let yourself
be at any
expense. Positively
stop at
once your journals
you have



(Hungary copper)

Dear Sir Wood 7 Sept 05

Thanks! Will send following journals to Hon. A. Sallet, Inspecteur des Colonies Françaises. I just write to him that they were a gift from you & requested him to write an acknowledgment, in his letter to inform you if he knew of any Siamese Specimens not listed by you in the journals. Sallet

is a gentleman; un-
doubtedly well in-
formed in his special
line & his official
relations to Fl. Citizens
give him rare
opportunities as editor

Fenton Ely

Dear Mrs Wright
May Christmas Tide
being filled with much
as result in a wretched
cold I am sure of
Santa" & so here on
a line; & that to
the effect that
Yesterday I sent by
Adams Ex. (charges
prepaid) my full
& Chained & Illustrated
Dickens. You can Read
the books until
next December

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Mrs Howland Ward
Sec'y
90 Perry St
Brookline Mass.

Ridgefield, Conn.
VIII - 11 - 1905

Rec'd Aug 15 1905 Ans

Dear Sir Royal.

Yrs. for "Ornithological" & your kind invitation will carefully peruse the same & duly consider the matter. Cares nothing about the animal, dues; but hardly think it wise to belong to any more societies in whose affairs I can take a personal interest. Though for two decades I was interested in N.Y. Ornithological Club society I have

never attended one of
its meetings. Ridgefield
is but 1½ Hours from 42
st & yet there is no
train leaving city after
6 P.M. Enjoyed attending
a meeting of Numismatic Soci
necessitates my remaining
over night. Yours Mr Ward
has a very bright mind;
& from my correspondence
with him I infer he has
the mental aptitude, scho-
lastic habit, retentive memory
&c. that will in time
make him a numismatic
authority on both sides the

Read his word. VIII 29
I sent two weeks ago to Hen-
A. Sallis Jr. at Orwell. to-it was
just outside. He has it by this time
I thought I forwarded it nearly
more than three: it must have been
one of the copies in Diem, certainly
a friend of Mr. Sallis sent
me his Gainsborough pamphlet.
It is of value as coming from Ver-
[illegible] who has closely studied
the official records & he is an
[illegible] is also of value as supporting
the attributions as given by Gay
in both as amended by
Supplement. No 14 p 206. Gay
Comedies does not belong to Gran-

etcuafe. As yet he obviously cannot locate it. Sattes informs me that Lecoda of Dolan has been fully right since 1821. It is not it is dated 1824 & not Lecoda of its pleine de fin. Indeed the pleine de fin has nere c'étaient Grundrife but rather of St. Martin, especially the southern French part. "Vous" Ville de Cuf" Dirge is rightly attributed. Jay studied it for a long time before he decided its attribution. But the fact from the reasons for his belief. Just so with H. How does

The Prow (2) It is initial letter of
Surname of a man living at Sorrha
(Virgin — Dolandy) Your wife" Also
live" with a Hermit for that
the subbing for sent was not
but of H/ ; ers for Prow
the heart-symbol is always
that of matrimonie. The
Virgin is Stab Dolandy.
misfeasin d sent to that
in Cruelest of from Gay
Virgin Sorrha c/n to be judged
by it a Rule Star Virgin
Sorrha Monstrum
I could Quite well misread
Restoring the bass, Mary.

Virgin is magnificently and
the Virgin is not defined

but very roughly ... faithfully ...

bas-relievo is also, embossed as including the relief of very strained, but notwithstanding what you write the "incused" puzzles me. The word is derived from incudo – simply carrying with it the idea of striking hard or hitting hard with some instruments. It gives no idea of the impression made to entitle it to be called properly "incused". If the en creux or hollow, place in the incuse, than that surrounding the protuberance of raised part is incused – so the incuse contains the relievo. But I ac-

is incused & the "to" I strike it into it. I think
requiting to define if money ... fast

Unfortunately
I am not
a statuary
let us adhere
to the incident
as illustrated
by the 7 of
any Men.

a mineral
symbol is
meant made
by slicing
the metal —
thereby learning
only a shape
cut that follows
the narrow line
of curves
which is
the symbol

cause of
exactly

just inside
circumference

dily dear Bill Wm

This is the closest Friend day
of a clergyman's life
I write now as I know
not when again I'll
have the time to write
at length. The Nevis
I bought of Adams
for $5.75. Offered without
a suggestion $5.25 He
write that he wrestled
with owned to get it for
my offer. but could
not. You refer to Rob

Nero being unpublished
b
Being referred to by Chalmers
Al-Rini & in Stand. Scott
Cu cat. 3rd ed. it is certainly
published. I doubt myself
I made it known whether
any one ~~else~~ in U. S. is
Europe. Know of existence
of Nero, Nero Nero
H T G M
in Paris cabinet. Certainly
these 3 have not as yet
been published by any dis-
tinguished numismatist
I understand from Osborne
Chalmers that the numerous
Nero's Reverse. Edge. mine

English coin of 7 sh value
of 7d. sent had a fine
Letter from Mr A. Sattler.
He will write to some resp.
with the view of shortly
for his Musical Journals
& help him to some experience
in English Measures &c
He thinks he could secure
could secure in a similar
way the French Cabinet
of Medallic in respect
to Diamede Como. When
he visits it, he will
ascertain truth about

classification &c. Then
too if he can possibly
supply any information
for Luck he will gladly
do so. I thank you
for placing my coin.
Hereafter too close it
shall be. Wishing you
in your better prospects, the
best, large Store
Cayenne Sons, & Sr
Sentiment & peace &c.
I have mislaid Somethat
Tate

similar fes You 7th. Inthing
of "TB
O in Cayenne sons is
undoubtedly fs Iabago. I have
2 fcR KJ(ne in Cayenne 5
chs on stem pl in chet. In both
the C is struck of great width
than petiuncly O, the seat
within circle remains un-
touched. I think I know
what an inroad coin, but
Rindly give fus meaning
by use illustration. I assume
fs instance that R. T.
cut into metal in manner
of an Engraver, if a clear
cut of natural width in
incise. In such case

The c/m is not embossed
as in letters from Rio and
Haiti on the TB on Cayenne
the O is a clear cut, but
not fine-meshed + is ex-
cruex, the other TB is
smaller seam than the stamp
the O of normal style, Haiti
the Cayenne c/m T.B. The
O absent. Have no doubt
is being for Labago, and
c/m on Cayenne is. Seems
being on Coun of. Nat
Actually a Labago. Yes
Lubbing except as to c/m
I now is so indistinct

that d cannot make out the
coin. Yet undoubtedly it takes
the form of the coin of Tobago
if between $T_0 B$ [illegible] $(T_0 B)(T_0 \cdot B)$. It has affin-
ities with between letters
which d think it is impossible
to ascertain from any
collection of numbers
12, 18, 19 & 21. Perfectly
unique. Incloses rubbing
of new Trinidad. A Consul
obtained it through Mr. Gay
Key Bridge Instructs of hotel
in Trinidad should
send the initial stone of
Inscription there.
P.S. It is curious to

Nevertheless, will excuse
nothing to Say for his
opinion. I think in the
Nothing I have is for Say
of his Supreme, the
Seek I Can, but dies Know
so my Knowledge Say the
long time ago he gave
study of attribution of this
Sc. U, about same time
as Canary Sc., one which
he sent me; a Portuguese
Work in S's London Journal
at same time. Can give
for description of this Canary
Sc. & I think in Say
our Sc. strange Hope I

formally have Jay's "Cat."
I S. D. I'd put out the
distinguished numismatist
with not change into attribution
If you don't especially
care for it, I will give you
what you think it is worth
& take chances of it being
Jay's No 1 Supt. "R. F."
on 1816 U. S. ct. (Republic
Française as for Rien)
may possibly be for Guade-
loupe. Later inform me
Jay no longer attributes
(vid Jay) 116 M. I 200
to Guadeloupe & probably

does not seem to have
attributions". There was 110
reason why the coin was
assigned to Guadeloupe
All official acts are perfectly
recorded after 1821 (the
coin is dated 1829) The
Fleur de-lys is in no sense
an attribute of Guadeloupe
but takes her go to St.
Martin. Then not certain
that the coin in 1829 is
a fleur de-lys.
Any change of attribution
necessitated by changing
that of U.S. coin to Bourdt

because of his opinion, b
having c.s pleas de. fo
fa Grande Ingle.

I wish for would ascertain
from you Jewish correspondent.
the Medical attendance
of Cpn. P. M. and a second
Possibly it may mean
Revenue of Mozambique.
Also. find out at same
time as to my f. with
one Cpn of 6. V Bengals
Cape Verde Islands Africa
Portuguese. for Navy Yard

Fusta Ely

Dear Mr Wood 9/26-05

Accuracy & scholarship

or exactness of expression,
as you know, does not ac-
cept as conclusive the decision
of the modern English dic-
tionary in respect to the
definition and pronunciation
of words. In fact, often the
dictionary is palpably at
fault; and even when not
is generally no more than
a helpful suggestion to
the scholar. Indeed, the
latter gives us the dictionary
and whatever merit it
possesses is due to its
learning and discrimination

The dictionaries you quote in your scholarly letter are hardly a satisfactory contribution to our literature. They are by no means in touch; and close too much to the sentiment of the tradition to be acceptable to the scholar. The lexicons of Johnson & Walker & even Webster's of 1812 and Worcester's of 1830 have a special merit. They go to the radix of matters & therefore if one must have

a lexicon as a standard
of definition and even pro-
nunciation left him by all
means consult these &
also those of Stormonth and
Goodrich. In all these
stricture can not be found
either the nouse or nous
Even in "Webster's" of 1859
the word does not occur.
If certainly is in recent
editions; for under the
supervision of Yale University
the "Webster" has been
so changed and for
the worse that it is a

misnomer so give it the name of the great lexicographer. Whether the cultured English gentleman you must have a lexicology for your vade mecum of comparatively recent date by all means adopt Worcester's. Mine is the edition of some 40 years ago & it conforms to definitions of the original language of which its words are derivatives; & in pronunciation to the National standard of the best

speakers in Great Britain
and America. Of course
both in definition & pro-
nunciation there are certain
changes in order to its
adaptation to our educated
American sentiment; but
these are not arbitrary
nor whimsical: I assume that
the latest edition is as
conservative as similar ones;
as Harvard University
is reluctant to make
changes in its favorite lexicon
In this Worcester is by
name of 1860 there is

- though not as distinctly in its contemporary lexicons the word incus of incudo + also, the noun incus, the former from the original Latin incutio; incudo means to strike upon (in upon + quatio to strike; the latter incus, as we know means an anvil of the smith. According to Lehmann this also incus is applied to one if the small bones in the tympanum of the ear, because of its fancied resemblance to a smith's anvil. Accordingly then defines the verb

as "striking" upon a coin &
gives as an illustration —
Taken from H. H. Humphreys —
" the back of the coin is incused
with a widely executed im-
pression of a Lion's head."
One thing is certain — the
incuse being strictly speaking
an anvil ~~block~~ of the iron block
in which metals are said
to be hammered — it must
as applied to coins, be
a misnomer. The assumption
of an anvil as being of a
definite shape in some
something material. If
it is rather used if referring to

— that on which something is to be formed or struck. — on which stress is to be laid. Therefore, according to its literal & even figurative meaning the Latin noun incus in English means or means can have no place in numismatic nomenclature. The Latin incus corresponds to the Greek in ... 'Ακμων — something that sustains "the blows of the hammer." We find in French to incuse is to strike in or into a concave shape; & in Italian to stick & so as to leave an impression.

A cincare, the opposite we
know of concave a cavity or
hollow place. If thereby is
meant a void space within
a solid substance, therein to
signifies in Greek, Latin, French
Italian, & English to shutte or
hammer a metal or some-
thing hard so as to leave
not only an impression on the
surface but one of varying
depth without perforation, and
that irrespective of shape, whether
cuvè or bombé or any other of
on the other hand we engage
in these different languages
the "to incuse" to merely striking

of hammering so as to leave the impression thereof in a numismatic sense. Means any letter, numeral or symbol impressed upon or into a metal by beating or stamping or hammering. This may mean embossing in general, as with all the variety of meaning of the clear cut "7" or "b" cut-silver below the coin of Nevis, or the "g" the c mark of Guadeloupe on Cayenne sous, the impression made being only the width of letter, numeral or character struck (as shall hereafter more fully shown to be meant)

take first view, & so hold that so much of the coin is so made a cavity, without perforation of any conceivable shape. It may or may not subsequently have a c'stamp. I have 2 — 1/8 Rs struck at Jamaica in British West Indies. One is (G.R) — the circle may be said to be incused & the G.R in basso-relievo. The Mint has no space reserved for the C.S. & G.S; but the G.S. crowned are hastily struck into the coin & even sunk into it & the lines of the G.S through the tops in script are somewhat larger than the letters usually are.

The c'stamp is in no sense embossed. This is best specimen

of the mcused c/m. I have
ever seen. Low in his catalogue
korrectly called it mcused,
using not the noun but
adjective. After visit com-
pletion I bought it for $9.50
I never have heard of another
specimen. In regard to certain
coins you refer to as being
micused or completed
authority, all being in my
cabinet except dr E. Shelly
I have carefully examined
them + call the lettering
micused; as to Æquitas
&c. with its blank devices
also call the latter in-

cused. And the Latter upholds my contention that a coin may be licensed without having a distinctive ed. I think you will then concur in my view that any Ruling as to any lettering or device on a coin that is sanctioned is numismatically licensed. On the Nature Lecatles you structure for the Reps this designate the Rices or descube o you can successfully defend the terminology

But remember also that any place e'stainted as a square, circle or oval though the distinctive esm be absent though it be not really sunk and not raised so as to be embossed is really incised. I attach but little importance to the abstract in the abstract nomenclatic definitions as given by the craft; for while they may be

men of ideas, they lack
excellence of expression
often in same built of
catalogue use words in
a sense glaringly abused.
Of course, there are exceptions;
and Gay is one of these.
I am glad you wrote
to me reflecting this work of
reflexive definition. Your
words have been very suggestive
to my longing self but not
wearied you. Let them be
read so that even demand
us of the verb to mean

Thursday

Dear Friend

I received your letter
of the 1st Inst. and was
very glad to hear from you
& that you were all
well. I was in hopes
that I should get
a letter from you
before I left Galveston
but was disappointed
& am sorry that I
did not get one
as I am now
in the north
& do not know
when I will
return to Galveston
again. I am
very glad to
hear that you
have been
promoted
& that you
are getting
along so
well in
your business
I am
glad to
hear that
you are
all well
& hope
you may
continue
so. I
have been
very busy
since I
left Galveston
& have
had no
time to
write
to any
of my
friends
but I
will
write
to you
& all
my
friends
as soon
as I
get
to
Mobile
& tell
them
where
I am
& what
I am
doing
& how
I like
the
north
& how
I am
getting
along
& all
about
it.
I
will
write
to
you
as
soon
as
I
get
to
Mobile
& tell
you
all
about
it.
I
will
write
to
you
as
soon
as
I
get
to
Mobile
& tell
you
all
about
it.

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Ridgefield. Conn XXI

1905

Dear Mr Wood

If I [illegible] me to give
[illegible] your sign manual again
I've often been to [illegible]
to bow my knee as a
supplicant to Municipia
As usual at Schulman's King-
sale - third part, I missed
[illegible] the rare pics.
for which I bid: only succeed
in getting some rare Barbay
Indees + scarce Guernsey
doubles &c. I am inclined
to believe Spink's ex-
cuse & Dee gives the

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible]. True, I never
heard of it before, but that
in itself means little or
nothing. It undoubtedly is
by [illegible] derivation connected
with Low Dutch as Noah
is suggesting to the effect that
Grandchildren even had [illegible]
the [illegible] knowledge: if
there be a Crown it is always
the "G" (yesterday I saw [illegible]
Europe 2 K & 1 K coin G.
I have in my cabinet the 3
[illegible] (the [illegible]
[illegible]) & beside that some
from ₹ to 12 of same size as
in Shirts discribed as having
3 12's each. The Girls from

which
^ he is extracted is of Class I
: dated 1863. It differs in
its date & having the effigy "2
cwt" but agrees in the rim.
Then too, the circular cut
&c. to fits exactly in the
opening of the central cut
in the 1/2 $. It is on that
the convincing proof lily 12.
I recently obtained from Jay.
No doubt that attribution should
be to Dominica instead of
Guadeloupe. Have just written
to Jay about it. If he returns
his reply comes to you for
opinion. I have also the cut.
$ of Fud VII (signature as large
as in &c. just referred to) & on
line not 12 but x^s 11. Then

I have the pc. of same size
as with cs. of V^s_1 that
fits the opening of XII^s —
and accordingly Faller from
it. The ≤ shows that the
cs. is for right Islands
(Vide fig. 8 supplement p. 8)
These pcs. I also obtained
from fig. 4. When you can,
kindly obtain for me at a
reasonable price one pc
each of silver
of each of I^{st} (observ.) in (sequence
also each one pc of Hutton
Island & Manufactr. Receipt-
ing for "Merry Xmas" &
Self-addressing of wife Hatty
& yours for pc. Jam for Merry
Festive Eh

Ridgefield Ct 2/2 06

Dear Mr Wood

I was pleased to recognize
a certain force & vigor in your
letter so I can interest my
self in our correspondence. My last
& other duties have been so
exacting that I have given
but little thought to my
article, i.e. more as regards
what I've made some valuable
collections for my little cabinet
I must confess. So thank you
for submitting to my
instructions & I am
afraid I must

with c/mark "N. C. D." C. W. C.
"L. M." & "R. D." are private
c'stamps; & so of no
value, because of unknown
attribution. (I don't mean exactly these
c'stamped (es. of Paris)
c/mark. Some of these of the
C.S. does not have since
stating authority, that
that d[illegible] authorized
to use. Any of this stamp
he invariably returns
with the answer
"unauthority of private
attribution of the stamp

Yes. I have sich b— with slightly at least different of stamp be in Trbago with the c'stamp [Trbago] (vide Yes (,) with it. Also have 2 Yes with the 'T' cs. J Turtles. The pc. cs S. is Trbago dates. I have not in have J the ⟨H⟩ or T+ ⟨H⟩ The "S" of the face is very flat except the "S". of the ⟨H⟩ I enter it not the in with the distinct H. what for with to relate I think of writing to indi- cate it, I'll give pa—

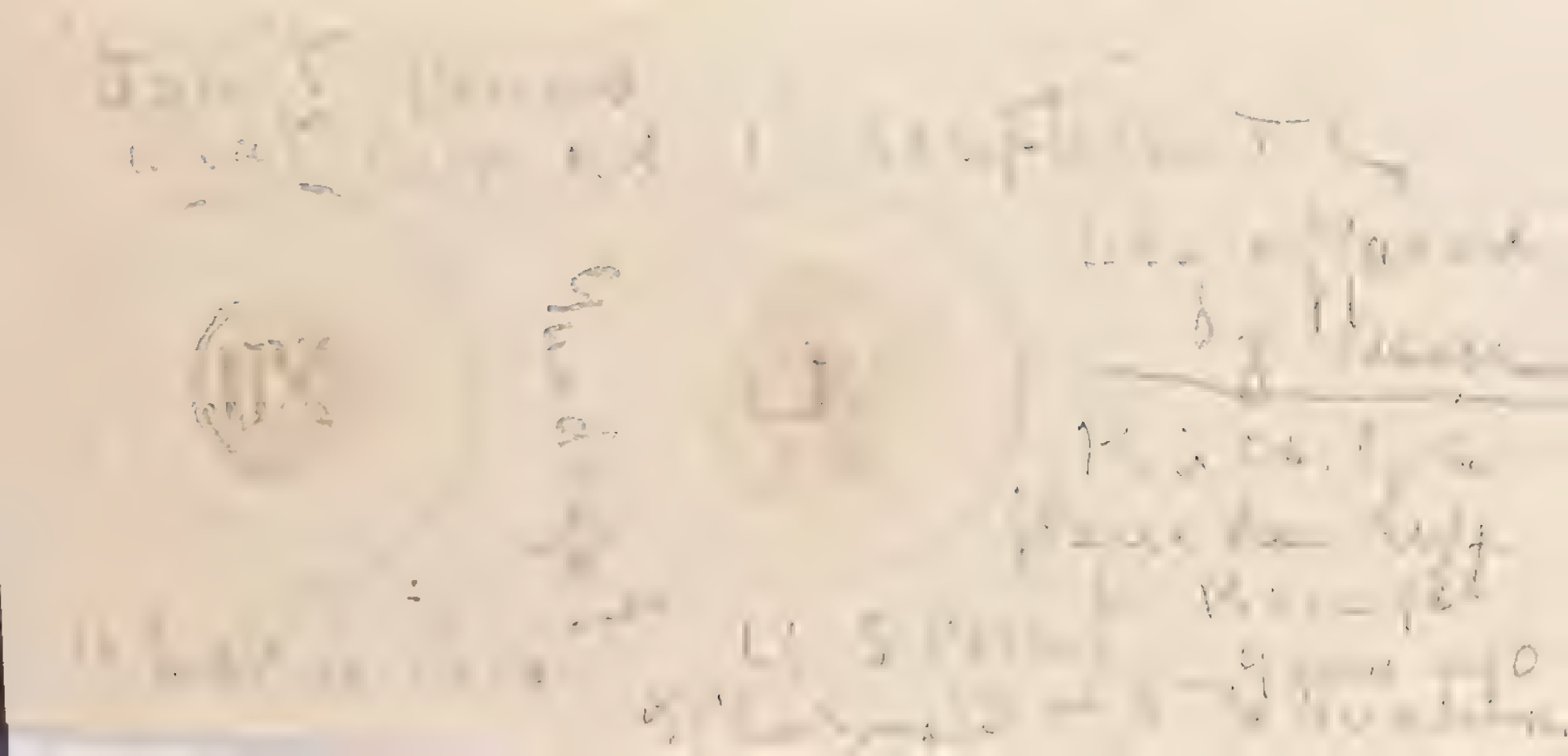
I exchange for either
a Guyenne sous cts. S.K.
A French fcs. of Republic
with cts. "G" for Guadeloupe
I paid for each $1.00

In the fcs. T ◇H the H is
so indistinct as to make
the case of little value.
Now either the T or the best
◇H I can with cts. "S,"
will give you both pcs.
the 5f. Red & "G" c/m. Sow
of Guadeloupe "Postage"
5/x Cost me $2.00
& cheap, the collector
in Missing an exchange

think only of ourselves.
Please if possible get
me a one "Montecristo"
or two fine Jamaican
$. I think I have [illegible]
exchange a set of the
current (2 fr) Martinique
or Guadeloupe. But in
circulation. Send me
[illegible] coin. What is it
of the "US" have a similar
it would, of course, belong
to Virginia Isles

Much love

Yours Ely



Dear Mr Wood, Ridgefield. Conn Feb. 17 1905

Of course, you know J. B. Caldecott's opinion is simply that of an intelligent & painstaking collector & therefore, my statement of his fact is not refuted by recognized numismatic authority is not to be decided. For many years he has bought coins of Lyman H. Low. I daresay that he is unknown outside the circle of his numismatic associates. I have been called to protest by the Numismatic Soc. Society to which I belong against the West Indian pieces. Now if I decided & it was submitted in the proceedings of the Society, as the paper of Mr Caldecott had been in the British Numismatic Journal, I would hardly have the cheek to think that Dr Ely would be quoted as authority for anything in the sphere of Numismatics — though he has unfortunately studied the cut-silver 5 cs of the West Indies for 15 to 18 years. Sorry for calling your attention to the gentleman's article, altho in some parts it reads as if it were

passed by in review. It does not bring into new fact, & so is not in the least helpful to the Numismatist. Such articles ought to be discouraged, especially when an opinion founded on mere conjecture - opposes what has been accepted as a fact by the distinguished Explorers (Messrs. Cox) from the very first. Last Monday I received the article in Cox's office. He seriously thought of sending me a pre-sheet. What I may say respecting it is suggested by the first sentence I read. I doubt if it would attract special attention were it not accompanied by the illustration of the coin to which it refers. Mr. Cox's next sale. Today I had

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of the cut & refs to Tobago. Chalmers & Caldecott & Told Cox. he must be hard pressed for an attribution to give a mere imitation as authority. Briefly, he smiled. He [illegible] means the does not refer to an octagonal cut & ft, not to the octagonal piece

fallen from its centre. Chalmers does mention a piece of hexagonal form CS.T. & this is called thence the inference that there is a hexagonal cut-$. stamp without C[in]. Caldecott refers to one that he has seen, but makes no allusion to the hexagonal piece extracted with C[in]. of the Trinidad & Tobago J. I have never seen nor heard of this piece.

En passant, Sold offered in Feb. 27. sale, lot 67. St. Martins. 1/5 reads. S. Martin below a bundle of crowns. CS. on 1/5 cut from Okanagan Am. & Rls. If for have it not, there is no opportunity. I some years ago I paid at the Dr. Harris sale $5.75 for one in my cabinet.

As to Caldecott's article — C[in]. "G.R." I have full set $ is 8 Rls, 2 Rls & 1 Rl with crown & without. I Fluted & not. The 8 Rls. G.R. crwn & uncrwn bought at Lows sale 3/90 1907 for $8.85 & the same CS. on 8 Rls for 180/ in defective 1½ x 8½ cut at same sale $9.25. The latter is fluted & civil "G.R." on but one side. In referring to

fees in his catalog: does not say that he never had seen such a duplicate. Thinks too I have for 1758. The G. R. being perforated & in circular depression & on both sides of fee. of coat of Arms 1907 at sale of Chatham proof. They sold at £ [illegible]. Intelligent. These fees. undoubtedly belong to Swinden vide Chalmers p. 103 originals & rarity. as to perforated G R on both sides. As to fees. with G. P. round & inverted I believe they are as Low catalogue then for Jamaica. If seen a reasonable inference. As to whether to attribute them to Post Office in Gibraltar. They may have been intended for the islands & used at Gibraltar. But. Atkins is also doubtful as to the fees. with C-S & P. on both sides, though Chalmers quotes the Postmasters as having seen. If G. P. be on both sides, what more natural than in those days, when monetary decrees were considered of little importance in respect to the honour of the Crown, to have been content

with c'stamping G. R. on ½d one dies Engraving
stated the archives of Jamaica stated at Kingston
were was for Knox destroyed by fire. Chalmers
may have obtained his information from Stokes
of Jamaica published enquiry in 1784
respecting the c.s. of G. R. said to Antigua.
Stating Copies existing c/mk. K. R. could
½d K. R. could & Neat dies. These are
of the type of Georgius Rex (G. R.) & therefore
the finest specimens. Consistency should
is often lacking in Numismatic World.

The T. Pence. This has C. Stokes has
a better start & should be R & therefore
is his Trinidad. Mem queto & stat. must
undertake the new Sheet too, where is the
Authority for assigning T. R. for Trinidad? Knox
stated for ever Records of. The proclamation of
Govt. still before Privy Council
about any c.s. or entries of copper. In
fact Trinidad have c'stamped its dogs. Chalmers
according to proclamation of still in entries
in that is called the "T" Bit. Still there evidently

having in it a piece of cork, which the [illegible] evaporation of it contracted with the I indicated. I have this contrivance cut out of the dollar. I do not think Trinidad cut & Rio Nunez any c/m. of so it must have been

"I. According to Report of Currency Committee of 1839 the Colonial Treasury "employed Blanton with Rio cut out one half the metal in holes of all sizes & dimensions" Read Sir C. says about Quadrupte cut & the piece extracted from it in shape of a lozenge; about C.S. G. could & Guinea could calls for no comment. He is giving me merely an old chestnut. I have both the cut & rest of piece with radiating G. that was taken from it Mr C's Dominica coin & of is examples. a la "cheat". Have had it for many years. My conception dated at Roseau, Dominica. left it for me with other pieces. The gentleman who lives in Dominica; is Scotch & sterling Bonds; has been interested in Gold mines coin of for 30 years; & in my time Mines in the about pieces from any living

near. This Dominican ℔ he obtained from an old Lady (so many Masters) who declared that it was current for the Piastre (how ascertained will soon appear) to inform me that Cs. "M" on the Coat signified Cayenne Sous was not for Martinique but Guadaloupe. The Law of Dr. 6. 1810. The Gay on my observations & Smith, accepts the Martinique attribution. Smith also sums all official & the Island several sous in Cs. Page 61 cut silver with same Cs. of the latter was a piece of 8 Rls. cut in 3 gives 1/3 the Gay says very precious & rare Coin. it's existence with a fork sin. I never heard of the 1b, but have cut silver 1/3 Dominicas the 2 1/2 sous without Cs; the re. c/m. Ex. the script or star called macco that was cut from the 8 Rls of Dominica; the ℔ 3/3 cwd × 1/2 cwd or 12 cwd. I take the Habits cwd. The ½ exactly fits the 12 cwd. ℔ C says the VI belongs to Virgin Isles & pass the 8 Rls. 1810. M Smith Cs on the obv. near X II

Both these pieces of money are the same; the 6 pieces exactly like the penny cut XII. pieces with 5 sharp — stamped. No foundation for C saying they are of the South Sea Co's coinage. Mr. H. of the Virgin Islands gives it as his opinion the pieces stamped 5 cut for 6 pence are an island (generally) of coin 1787 is for Grenada. Mr. Rose has migrated no information. Long before he wrote any published his Sketch he knew all he has told us. Asked he wrote about heart shaped pieces not being of Martinique origin is very uncertain. Not struck at Martinique does origin is very uncertain. Not struck at Martinique, what else prove? I think a fact that all extant & Exhibited and dealt have come to hand attributed to the heart triangular cut pieces to Martinique. My friend Mr Gov. Carter has found this piece cut down at Martinique since it has been dug up. Then 30 or 40 years ago the people to whom it belonged stamped it. Take from it had the ex. (the heart) of Martinique

Tradition especially votes it going back far often has the force, causes the conviction of the humanitted Saint. Suggesting that these with the fees of great value, &c. belong to Barbadoes! What avant Barbados never had a characteristic as. of any Kind, Barbados never c'stanted it selfe is coffee. Its out-silver, fairie tally small fees. till Coffee it never bore any as, never had ever thing, but any distinctive mark. Chalmers quoting authorities tell us this not. No Author writes that I can recall has ever taken any other view. Because Le Sueur has a passing [illegible] Many with J. B. Yet is not stand to disciplin, ergo the d B not stand to d. of Barbados. Who ever heard Barbados mentioned as the island of Barbados. Why may it not be Crusate as. of Spain Ignes, Sp. & Barbeu & the natives of Barbes!

Thanks for his assumption. Any fellow can
guess of a sensible one it will not provoke
the "riddles." I have a superb Plan of Geo
the 1st of 1805 with an original Signature
of Napoleon & large heart cut 1/4 c stamped
on it. I know the heart in the symbol
of Martinique; & probably (assuming the
Ornament to be accurate) the Ord. in any
Stamp for Martinique. I have nearly all
the Martinique cut; also illustrated
by Gay Sons the Martinique & (cut) for
the cut 1/2 real of dates I recall 1717
1728 (Sun cut at Work) 1750, 1751, 1757, 1758
1761 &c. Martinique was wrested from French
by British, was not Sth in 1794 & restored)
in 1809. Again taken in 1809 & restored 1815
In 1819 ceded to Sweden, but not actually
transferred. No one knows why. The French
were, stamps & taxes stamped in state
I know. Can it strongly told to reason that

the Bankers would either of Martinique in the lb
Barbadoes c'mark such old stamps Jacks, of
Ing 1778 & 1719 coins, especially when so many
little receipts & better preserved sets. were wanted
the first occupancy of British being 1794 —
a difference of Lb — 77 years between the
dates of my pieces. You know about the com
age of Barbadoes, But enough in this vein. I
did not intend to write at such length &
can't afraid I've done so at risk of dreary
repetition & do hope you'll excuse. I
got interested & so have given the Decimal
to my fun. The Channel Islands (a
group of 3) are it in its from Peru. I
have a fine brass &c. Bought at auction
years ago for 75/-. Had on the
but sold it as a stolen had been
knocked. The Sp. & Rep VII coined. Is the
is conceded by all to be the Cuban as is one
(if memory serves me) of Ferd VII (Ferd

I send for SK for H. I thought I regret the C.S. is not better. One reason that you have not seen it at all sooner is because its attribution has not been forthcoming. I still regard its assignment as somewhat doubtful. The attaining is attached from Egypt especially often that is not concerned with the C/M. It really looks one appeals to me one. I have a Dominica cut-sitra bound for exchange. It came by way of exchange & stands me in £2. The C.S. is very fine. I inclose 8+6 ct c/st. I which I sent a last rubbing. See if you can't make out the C.S I bought it many years ago when a mere beginner in C.S's. Chapman Bros. who have the C.S was a gem de fio for the Grande Pompe.

Yrs
Sincerely
Foster Ely

Ridgefield. Conn. 3
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1906

Dear Mr Coward.

I thank you for sending a good selection by way of exchange. If you can afford a Martinique postage stamp with good preservation I'd give one in exchange either the Martinique is Guadeloupe 2 pcs. of recent coinage referred to by you in his enlightenment. I think in time they will be rare. They are of recent coinage & unrepresented. But I think the "Martinique" has unique special value. I want it simply because it increases the number of islands represented in my cabinet

When in Atlantic City & on Coney Island I visited many of these mountain places. When I get time I'll write at length. I enjoy your letters. They are instructive & interesting

Faithfully yours
Foster Ely

Dear Mr Wood

Respected Friend

I ought to be whipped for not acknowledging before receiving your catalog of sale of autographs. Thank you ever so much. I attended in person the sale (Mr Foggs) but was deeply in the coils of negotiations that followed. Enormous, though my income is small I expended nearly $200 or so obtained all the Franklins in this Episcopal succession from Seabury 1st Bishop of Conn to Ehinck. 1784 to date ~~all~~ thus completing the set to date — having now

most (aut.) letters signed) of more
than 330 writers — of a
great many 2 or 3 letters of
each. I know outside of
public institutions no other
complete set, tho. Hon Ex-
Senator Geo. F. Edmunds lacks
only 2 autographic letters
The finest letter of Pres. Jarvis (1801)
cost $65. It is hardly rarer
than Washington's: this I
think of fugitive value
I was out, in Boston two
nights. Yet I'd have
looked you up had not
the March weather been
simply awful. Being at

Young's Hotel so in easy distance of Statistic Headquarters by invitation I accompanied Dr. Bartels to the annual meeting so spoken an enjoyable Evening. Thought Lew. Rat spoiled my time is as yet hardly my own as Mrs Ely is sick & my fair Eye is to be with her. Thank you for allowing me to inspect your recent purchases. They are all unthentic & highly attributed. The Grandmother is very damaged cut & carelessly stamped. The

interested letters enhanced & shrink
to value. Were it not
genuine, were it a fraud-
lent imitation the "g" would
not be "upside down". In
the superscript 2 in centre
the denticulations or serrations
are of the statutory number
Unfortunately looking at the
central cut from above
the serrations are not clear
cut. The 5c stamp is all right
& in U.S. is worth $4. to
$5. Several of late have been
sold at auction. Otherwise
would be worth more. One
(very fine) recently sold
in Europe at auction for

$10. Schulman's piece p. 3 line 1 of T.b.c is $10. mine I inserted from 10. index. of it is a very good specimen. I should Pinky $3. for the lozenge-shaped piece with fine centre – crocuses. c/in G. Grays. Yours Dominicus moco (2 per) is 2 bits are is not even scarce. One of mine fits exactly in 26 cut Dominicans $ I Adams of Gr. Pistes. Yours small of 1/4 $ cut Istola is common The 1/8 IR of 8 Rpl is span $ to very late. I have Istolas with stealing cs Istola, Instuta occ. A fine set 1/2 – 1/4 – 1/8 I value at $10. Your Guadeloupe

Dollars is worth $1. (This is what a Scotch Jay pays a Similarance.) Yours of the Grade Porte. 1/4 of grade of Crown of Louis XV. is rare but not very rare. Probably worth $1.50 cash is $2.00 in exchange.

I have not this 1/4 division of $. If you wish to sell in exchange at foregoing figures please let me know. Am glad to get Americket of them, though I regret it is not an earlier date. For it I send a Guadeloupe dimeated them. If time permits few more coins they will be rare. I must have no duplicates for Martinique

[illegible] yet this morning I
[illegible] vainly searched [illegible]
[illegible]. Probably will materialize
in time. [illegible] commission. I
return as [illegible] many years
(they were authorized in
1884 I think) [illegible] Karat
with 10 to 10 [illegible] centimes
uncertain [illegible] brilliant.
Cost [illegible] 2.51 20 Jan '59 -
[illegible] 2 15. Mistique I send
[illegible] exchange. Cost me more
than $1.75 but a [illegible] has
bought one [illegible] me [illegible] 1.25 (he
thought I didn't have it) for
cum hate [illegible] on same [illegible]
of exchange. Possibly I
submitted [illegible]

Don't care for exact duplicates
of all numismatic queers
for will find that of last
Indian Fes. The most
fascinating piece for
case to sell the most
profitable. To get me a
fine Jang bar $ is shown
in Chatham's next sale
of St P. Smith's collection
is offered the rarest
American Eagles of the
1822. He bought it of a
jeweler on Wall st
for $5.50 to $5.75. Next-
day to complete the gold

I. S set (which unfortunately I sold through Low at auction) I offered Smith $300.00 for it, which he declined. Always supposed until now that he sold it for $900.

Pardon mistakes in setting.

Faithfully yours
Foster Ely

H/25.16

Ridgefield Conn
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Dear Mr Wood 1906

Just come in from golf and find your letter. One of these days you'll find something to give for it. Schulman has just written me a nice letter. In it he invites information respecting Montana coins. He has sent me illustrated a lot of coins in his collection. Unfortunately for him I have all of them & can use as except the five cheaper ones in his bill which I return. Possibly you may wish to buy some of them

Left No 10 contained 5 coins ed $1.75 which I sent you. Also 2 cents. Also 2 Nevada silver dollars. Also 1 Virginia dollar. Also 1 Kentucky half dollar.

H

It's prices seem to be reasonable
If you do please me at once
& I'll give you condition
Don't fail to send on
assortment and the mail's
goods. Of course, the price is
in plums
No 8 is very fine
" 9 too high priced. Can sell
one shot as good for $2.50
Tortola ties. worth selling
" 30 & " 31 superb prints
If interested will describe ties.
Kindly write at once as I wish
next week to return coins &
invoice. Please preserve
carefully the letters
faithfully
Foster Ely

20.70.
1
10.82
1.70
1.72

10 Lot of 17 pcs. .50 each

Ridgefield, Conn.

May 24. 05

Dear Mrs Wood,

When I have time & am invited out to luncheon I usually eat

20.75 [illegible]

$22.00 is correct

Tips would due on

deduct registration is

$22.00 - .75 = $21.75

After searching our

many courses changes

from last month

Jane = $1.25

time I am giving

[illegible]

Her last schedule should direct

Remember these done for
$1.25!

Irish [illegible] time [illegible]
write at length.

Why not just a paragraph
in the organ of society of
which you are Sec. that
is of 20 years ago his H. P.
Smith of Jr U.S. Stamp Co
Co bought the $5. U.S. 1851
Sc. J 1822 that recently
sold for $ at the
sale of H. P. Smith collection
Philadelphia of a Hebrew
Writer J.S. cuttes $5.50 to
$.-75 ; - that the day
following the Nuschale

a fourth of pound Sterling
his Smith $350.00 for it"

It will be an interesting
item. from the use to
Peter the $350.00 — At that
time it was the only U. S
½ eagle down to 1836
Tucker with Liberty the
exception of the 1837.
Lyman H. Low remembered
all about of my instrument
was his Smith himself
Last Thursday Low
told me that the bitter
was almost driven to me.

Jack when he understood
value of sec he had
sold
Faithfully Yrs
Foster Ely

Ridgefield, Conn
June 11 1901

Dear Sir Wm

On our last transaction giving you Self Coms to pay the Count charging you for Postage & Wire & for me to the Netherlands in reputation to value of such as early as I can get at it done for $1.75. Say have just sent me a rate for Cs. of Canary Islands [illegible] Postage one penny (Cs. the same) & Wire it will with $2.75 2 years ago in St. London Journal he published Ministers the Succ. Cs. of the leaf is for Las Palmas, capital of Canary Islands Say have

.bu [illegible] it [illegible] that is the price.
Ms ~~(L.P.S)~~ (P.L.M.S) The
C.S. Jay says you are a rogue
that is attributing
inclosed ¼ $. I C.S. a sort
of pleas-de-lis! I many
send ago (before I had
studied C/M). I gave
Chairman Bros $1. for it
as of Guadeloupe. The
scraps I keep I send
have saved through
friends I say. You need
not return.
Faithfully
Foster Ely

Ridgefield. Conn. 6
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Dear Mrs Wood. 26
Thank you for favor #.
which regretting the trouble
it has caused you — To
secure it. of is well
worth the. My forward in-
debtedness is $1.25 + $2.
= $3.25. Unless we effect an
exchange I'll send check
for. have, undoubtedly. lec'd
my letter with candy enfe.
send by Jay. friend boats
I mean on arrival
Dated Bourbon, 1816, Jay 20
" Tortoise 35
(Faith Jay. bo (is one)
Cayenne for (from Jay. 9t 30
is genuine most the

Yes. We gained a new day when these Provinces were formed into a Confederation

Pierced by Rob Jr Huntington Sum sent me & I bought it at auction for $5.50 A friend of mine in West Dudley values this at $10.00 by Schuman's rates Last sold for as much more. Sum $5.50. $5.50

Dominion cut-silver bears 2.50
Cost me this sum. Imported it from Rosenau Dominion Day this pc. cost me nothing yet condition mint Value. The full set consists of nine, 15 (in this)

creatures, extracted from centre of brain, & then tested for pole curve one is 75 cts — curves 3 bits crowd

" " 4 " "

" " 5 " "

" " 12 " "

the # from which more recent & the circular contact cut has 15 creatures (Allino Pistel et al). I have been trying for some years to get 4 bit crowd. My board exactly fits the circular cut in 12 crowd

On second thought I added the Dominica moco (adding chalmeda et al.)

Also send Tiny cut-sheet

if Montserrat that I bought
if it costs me 1½ to Kennedy
Dept. Cost of skin. $1.00
call it .75 ¢

Cayenne Cs. "hv"
also obtained from
Montserrat. very fine .50

Divorcée (resumé)

Previously - Canary	.60
1 Bourbon	.20
1 Istota	.35
Cayenne Cand.	.30
Martinique 7 coats	5.50
Dominica bead	2.50
Dominica Moco	.75
Montserrat cut. sitrds	.75
Montserrat in sons	.50
Fine Fruity Fustic Ely	$11.45

Ridgefield,
Connecticut

June 18-
"06

Dear his Wood.
I am very glad to be
helpful to you. As I
understand it, there
is to my credit at
this date $2.15. That
is a small sum. Just
what would be useful
I do not know. It will be found
by exchange: I am

glad you are becoming
interested in West Va.
C'stamps. As they are
eagerly sought in Europe
& command there high
prices, so before many
years they will be in U.S
Regard the U.S as greatly
stimulating the quest of
the general numismatist.
Find within a part
of M. Jay's last letter

Don't return it. Read both sides. Is it to refer to the Calvary Ke. for have; to my ¼ $ with sort of powder for; or to the TABAGO

Though he in his first note to the JB., he does not propose it, I enclose though somewhat reluctantly a "Nevis, since the style of Ed is different from

one I retain. The latter
cost me at auction $1.25
Don't remember what I
paid for one inclosed.
If you really desire it
$1.00 is my price. This
CS is late; & in some
respects, it is the best
I have seen. I have
also a Cayenne with
double CS. (S. K. Nevis)

Faithfully yours
for the Ely

encore beaucoup d'erreurs, par exemple les S
au lieu de St. Lucie.

Dans l'envoi que je vous fais aujourd'
il y a une rareté: une pièce de cuivre esp
anagramme PLMS pour Las Palmas, capi
des îles Canaries (poss. espagnoles). Je l'ai
signalée dans la Numismatic Circular, d
Londres, Memorial numismatico espa
et un marchand allemand qui en a pris u
me l'a envoyée à condition au prix de M
(avec la lettre recommandée Fr 3.a). Je en a
placement si elle ne me convenait pas.

Vous trouverez encore une pièce au
authentique, en vrai bilon et en parfait
La plupart de celles que l'on rencontre
contrefaçons en simple cuivre jaune.

Je réponds à quelques une de vos questions ;
1/2, 1/4 ℔ et dime chu en creux d'une sorte
de fleur de lys. Ces pièces sont percées près du
bord afin de les attacher et servir d'insignes
à quelque Société. Mr Lyman H. Low que
j'ai questionné dans le temps à ce sujet, n'a
pas su me répondre. A New Orleans on a
frappé à propos de l'Exposition de Chicago
des Dollars encore où figure une fleur de lys.
Ces 1/2, 1/4 ℔ et dime chus se rencontrent à
New Orleans ? That is the question.

St M, SV, ℔ etc. des sous des pièces de 2 Sous
de Cayenne, ne m'ont pas encore été présentés
en duplicata. Quant à TABAGO je ne possède
pas moi-même cette pièce qui ne m'a pas
encore été offerte. Je l'ai indiquée d'après une

July 30-06

Ridgefield,
Connecticut

Dear Mrs Wood -

Later on when I get certain facts I think I will be glad to give them to you, & then I will be glad to acknowledge receipt of $3.00 (three dollars) & remain

a subsequent exchange would undoubtedly have (aid it) in settlement & to refer to inquiries.

M. Guy sent me one of cards cs. F O. J Trinidad" His barber François Declos stamped his initials on all pence & half-pence. (2 cts & 1 cents) that came into the

hands of issued the stamped
coins respectively for 2 1/2
or 1 1/4 cents. These
stamps were freely
received by barbers valuation
(Chalmers p. 173 - (note)
You are aware of all
this: yet as I think
for do not know
Chalmers Book, I
make a brief quotation
Mine is a copy of

Venezuela.. The C.S. is very
fine (F.D.) but fuel stuff
is lovely good. Dinner
it is not late or even
scarce my Jay made me
a present of it. The
You have one to obtain
what is its condition
& the value for fuel
on it. As you know Guad-
aloupe was taken by the
English in 1759 and

Restored to France, 1763 (2

Ridgefield,
Connecticut

Taken again 1779, 1794
or 1810. Given to Sweden
or with the consent restored
to France 1814. Taken
again by British 1815
but restored to France
1816. France became
an Empire Dec. 1804
1805. Napoleon crowned
King of Italy. In 1810
annexed Holland to France

The date of Pr. Ce. U. S.
cent is 1810 Cs [RF]
Jay eliminates Ce
with this Cs. of 1802
& also (U.S. cent) of
1806. If in Guadeloupe
in 1806, why not
in 1810? The pieces
were stamped at
Guadeloupe, whereas
(with Jay) the coal

Colonial of 1769. counts-
mulled R. F in relief
in an oval garland
or wreath was done
in France. I have seen this
piece. I consider some
1810 as made French
P. [illegible] (assuming es-
to be genuine) though
Empire had been
established in 1804-
1805. [illegible]

constructed if the c/m
is [illegible] is decorate
d'n call attention J
Jay to it. I am not
familiar with the preceding
stated Quadrangle,
though I am with
cut-sides Q. could or
2 & even 3 angles
the only thing about
&c. you describe that
surprises me are the
circumcentres in 3 sides

Ridgefield. Conn.
Aug. 24th 1901

Dear Sir Knight.

Kindly inform me if the Hotel Somerset is kept on the "European plan". I may stop. 28th attend Supreme Council of 33°. (Masonry) & as some of the meets will be held by the Council in the Masonic Temple

I wish to say only for
rooms for Mrs Ely and
myself. Also. Tell me
in what city the
hotel is located. Do it
near the "Brunswick"
or "Vendome". & have
seen the great fight
these places last week
& just up at Youngs.
Just had a line
~~room~~ at Pettys from
Jay. There as a

Jews fines offered by
Sephardim of Amsterdam
in the next sale that I hope to get. I say
few because in most
of the desiderata she
left in not enough
condition for my collection
I hope she comes soon
submitted to me for
duly received in
my return envelope.
Possibly you have not
it intended Newport

(Isle of Wight) etc.

Sir I have written
Kindly accept this
Sincere
foster &c

Dear H. S. Wood

Oct 11-05

Ridgefield,
Connecticut

I am writing in a cold room; I defied the Hearth fire. Ergo - my handshake from frigidity. If my lines are illegible. You must guess the meaning

I was pleased to receive your letter; and I ever wish to be in touch with you

generally speaking. After leaving
Montecorvino we visited friends
in Rome. Being then only
18 miles from the "Hub" of
Ivas confident that I could
attend the evening at four
Rome; — thereby have the
pleasure of interesting you mu-
tual friends, but also
all to converse at length

with you about Numinoma
so to get needed information
I could not, though, conveniently
do so. This I keenly regret.
Nevertheless, a "good thing may
Reef. I think I have [illegible]
13 Sts. Isth #7; but even if
not the one you mistook
to be too far to put in my cabinet

is a conclusion to my
beautiful 30 sofs, Scotts
#10. Shelf &c. I return it
I am in great of 1/2 &
1 Escalin, Scotts ~~0 1 2~~ #1, &
#2 to go with the 2 Escalins
Scotts #3, which I [illegible]
in v. fine condition. I doubt
if there be many collections
of Reed & N. Indies in
N. [illegible] this is my
belief after enquiring
with several of the

similar Measures. I (2
was glad visits Roseau
capital of Dominica. Leonard
Doles, suggested to him that
he call on my friend
& correspondent of at least
a decade, Hon W. H.
Porter. He has promised
to say to him that I
suggested it. Mr Doles
was here in W. and; has
been active in ad minis-
tration of Dominica & is
at present Sec to Treasury
of Shore Rica Union

is entitled to more weight than that I may communicate respecting it. I coins, fibres &c. Then, too he has a small but choice collection of West Indians; many being picked up in purchases in the Islands. He informs me that nearly all obsolete pieces have been purchased by tomato & often at fancy prices

Faithfully yrs

Foster Ely

Ridgefield Conn
Oct 3 1906

Dear Sir Noo.

Lyman H. Low has
sent me on approval
a token price $1.00. If
you desire it is $1.
you can have it.
Otherwise, I'll return
it, as some years
I have had one
paid $1.00 for it. The
token refered to is in
very good condition;

Brass; of (in St. Lucie
Heat D.'s) of is Noted as
made (in centre) ~~On~~ one
side ~~there~~ is Blank; the
other bears the inscription
"Chastanet Saint Lucia" in
capitas letters. Between the
two circular inscription &
this there is a corresponding
light [illegible]
The inscription is con-
nected with some Kind
of a floral emblem. The
Poker is very scarce. There
is only one d're

Seem as Read if exceptions
Yours.
(In the Spring I shall be
boxed (small box) the
Coin cat.s listed dis in-
closed slips. Those (41)
L. 14. low being priced
out at least .40 apiece.
There are many more that I
must write. Will you
dispose of many pamphlets
this with as books.
If you will accept with
my compliments this
box I'll send it takes
by express or freight

Covers ready to go forth. What wide low flying [illegible] travel takes place

at your desire. If I were a young man I would retain them for binding perhaps. considering what they cost me. you will save charges of translation.

Do you wish to buy the following journals of Numismatics (Boston) 5 vols

5 6 7 8 10
24 – 25 – 26 – 27 – 29 –
14 13 12 1 2 4
33 – 32 – 31 – 20 – 21 – 23
3 15 11 9 17
22 – 34 – 30 – 28 – 36 –
18 19
38 – 39 (19 vols. From 24 only 35 – 37 missing) 10 vol. 35 –

3 numbers (Paper No 11) of 37 have 3 numbers (Paper No 11) stuffed

Auction Catalogues of Coins etc. etc

Edward Cogan 1871 Priced
property of Emil Cauffman

By Jno. W. Cogan 1885 Priced
" " " 1864 "
" " " 1876 "
" Sotheby + Son. London 1829 "
Wm Clement Ferguson Col. 1883 "
" Bonbright Jr. Col. 1885 "
Historical Collection 1883 "
Riley Collection 1879 "

Auction sales. Catalogues Lyman H. Low
41 Catalogues, issued from 1902 (Jan.)
very neat and priced. Not being numbered, nor a series can be bound and yet be no missing numbers.
"Observations on Counterfeiting" by
L. H. Low. pub. 1895.
Cat. of War Medals etc. 1897 unpriced
Metropolitan Coin Book 1863 (in paper)
Quaker-MacCoy Col. 1906 unpriced

En usage dans la Rép. de San Salvador (Am. Centr.) sous la présidence de Gen. Barrios en general avec la Guerre civil de 1860/63.

c/no B (Revisado)

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18

21

Curaçao

Vieques (Crab Do) Wrecked

Hare V on 1782 Spain & Navarre
" " " Spain AE
" " Spain "AE
Hare on 1785 cent Nueva Cas
" " 1845 10 Stuiver AR
" " 1848.20 " R
Hare " 1821 LL Scent

Last seen Jan 1776 & Returned January 1777 & exceedingly rare

These pieces came from Jay's cabinet & are attributed by Jay unqualifiedly (3 of which to Vieques. Have never seen or heard of any so. Puerto Rico Issue 2 V's interlaced N's in N.A. Cs for Vieques, where does it belong

Jamaica.

Four Cs of G.R. crowned on 8 Rs to
Velango for Island of Jamaica
I have 1806 - 8 Rs of Carlos IV Spain
with this C 8 (G.R crowned) which
is mounted. Vide Atkins & Chapman
Bought at Low's Sale 1892 - First of kind
Low had seen. Cost $8.50 Very fine
I have 1807 8 Rs of Carlos. C 8. G.R
crowned in depression 7½ x 8½ m.m
Atkins & Chapman Low had never seen
No duplicate. Very fine. Cost $9.25
I have 8 Rs, 2 Rs & 1 C. with
C 8 G.R Mutilated; the 8 1758 cost $6.50,
the 2 1758 cost $2.50 & the 1 C 1757
cost $1.75 all bought at Chapman's sale
but erroneously attributed to Grantley, Chapman
- vide

St. Stephen's Rectory,
Ridgefield, Conn.

Dear Mr. Wood,

As because of my eyes troubling me, I wish to spare them. I write by the hand of another. It seems an age since I have seen your Virgo-numismatic. The gentleman, whose Brooklyn address you gave, in order to be helpful to my obtaining of Numismatic formula, for some unaccountable reason has not replied to my letter. Do you advise my again writing him,

As regards our hobby: - my [illegible]
etc, being in the bank are not
immediately accessible. Meantime
my interest in the issues is un-
diminished. As I write to you,
we have certainly by May, if the
climatic observations, when the
numismatic pursuit will not
be.

My object in writing
to you at this time, besides [illegible]
writing about [illegible]
my [illegible] is to offer you
[illegible]
Sharp C.S. Nevis 7 (the 7 below
[illegible] Nevis) and
[illegible]

similar and with no perceptible
difference in execution, if you do
wish you can have one of them for
what it cost, $6.25. It is a matter
of indifference whether I retain or
part with it, as it must, because of
its great rarity constantly increase
in value. Mr. Jay of Paris, though
familiar with the piece, has never
possessed one. Hon. W. H. Seward of
the West Indies, has three of these
Navis pieces exactly alike, except
that the numerals is different.
I have never known but one to be
cast, except at very early date, and that
of Schuman of Amsterdam.
Possibly one, probably you may

would yourself of this opportunity of getting one, of course with your name upon it. Like most of these pieces it is worn smooth (which effects its value a great deal) but as a relic interested, the Comte Estamps are both rare & striking. Please write soon.

Faithfully yours,

Foster Ely

February 27, 1907

Ridgefield Conn.
March 2. 1907

Dear Mr. Wood.

Wishing I could oftener see your chirography, and even more, see you vis-a-vis, I hasten with this preface to acknowledge your check of $6.25, and to tell you that today's post will bring you, in a registered, ^ lilly the Nevis silver-piece. As you know it is of great rarity; it is in all respects, inclusive condition, the duplicate of the one retained in my

Cabinet and for which I would not take $25. if not knowing where to get another. Hoping it may please you, I nevertheless expect you to return it, if not satisfactory.

Am unfamiliar with the coins of which you send rubbings. Next time you write to M. Salles ask him to get the opinion about it of M. Zay. I have been somewhat remiss in not replying to M. Salles' last letter, penned from Paris, and in which he informs me of being placed, at his own request, on the retired list.

He impresses me, having been my guest, as not being a man more than fifty, and so almost too young to leave active life behind him. He has retired, I think, with at least $3 per day. As you write, he probably will find pleasure in looking after personal property in foreign parts. Then too, time will not be monotonous, as he is an ardent Numismatist, along the French line.

Until we move and are settled, as we hope, nearer New-York, I cannot give time to even my delightful task, nor even seriously

think of visiting Boston, and thereby have the pleasure of meeting you, and inspecting your fine collections.

I again will write to Mr. Hey — assuming he did not receive my note. Just as much obliged to you for offering to write.

If anything new, of an Insular character, turns up, kindly inform me, as I am ever desirous of increasing my stock pieces.

Cordially yours.

Robert Ely

(Per N.)

Please return

Ridgefield Ct
3
Dear Sir Road - 21
Just rec'd a — .07
ffs from Sir F. of
Sept 4th each Re
Sir Numismatic
Journals.
My object in writing is
to ask you if you —
will exchange your
little silver piece of
Ville du Cap for
U.S cent &

St Bartholomew.

In a letter from Mary Lee asks me to write to him, enclosing this exchange. I send. This enabling Lucia.

Early in May I shall make to Stamford C. When settled I will have more time to devote to translations. Write soon from Foster Ely

Stamford. Conn
20 Suburban Ave
May 31 - 07

Dear Mr Wood

Gratified to again see your familiar sign-manual, from being very far-sighted unfortunately I have become much sighted; and as the occasion informs me because of my nervous system being [illegible] My only hope for restoration of vision is in building up the system. In connection

my feet, working and
examination I cannot
be confined to day-light
or night I do not even
read. Eye glasses numbered
to enable me to read
at close range, Except-
ing to reading & exam-
ining minute objects
my eye-sight doesn't
trouble me. I forget how
to another exception — I
can not a few feet distant
tell one face from another
though standing
at a distance I see
a person, but
cannot tell who it is

me. The most powerful tonic
is not the least respectful.
Nothing seems to suit my
rosin bottles [illegible] 10
Eyeglasses. This self-reflec-
tion is applicable to my
[illegible] being unusually
obscure & also, to inform
you that I cannot give
you as much time as needed
to instructions [illegible] of color &
[illegible] your found
a minimum fading (brand)
item of [illegible]. If the
it is in formulation at least
[illegible]. Try to get me a gross
one. For it'll give you

a sou with double es. I
have a Church which
is true. The fac. for event
of resurrection is undoubted
the ground of Guadeloupe
of 20 sous value. Cuivre
ces jours de recorda go
here had his adm de
& le cond. Chem. Too. Ad à
plusieurs point de. Mercure
the effo of crown is some-
what different from crown
or Guadeloupe pieces
by recent misstatements
from Europe me
Mercantique & Spirit

somewhat different from my (3
offices one (with the exception in
favor) in that it lacks the
rays upon the two faces
of the conjunct —

(2) 1/2 (silver) each of the small
on 3 angles

(3). (silver) Mercury
9

(4) (silver)
(Lozenge shaped) [illegible] 1 small (Jupiter)

(5) Diagonal of silver with
indented edges of the small
at both ends.

(6) Finally 21 (brass) of the
Greyhound (Pluto) of the
(inverted)

(7) 2 & 4 (ours) ordinary version

(8) (or as) $\frac{\text{Ir}}{\text{Elbow}}$ 1815

(9) other & Grand-Junior /
3 vcs. Grand-Inspecting
in vol 24 - 12 - 6 sts
& sous

(10) Jun & among good U.S Court
of 1748, embla & fire
of at Dartmouth

(11) Tread two cm
heart-wise without
two-y

(12) Diamond part of read
cm. (mutinous)

Heavily read & fine

Letter from our friend
A. Dallas. In the
meanwhile refund to
you. Why don't you
add to your choice Ill-
lustrated Library —
& Jan's "Colonies Françaises.
If not obtainable Sallie
can get it for you Jay
is now 7 lb. after his
death the book will
be in ever greater

demand.
If you had it, I could
at some future time
refer you to it in my cabinet
to read the list, illus-
trate without describing
them. Also. could I tell
you what I have that
he doesn't have?
explain what facts
do not exist in the pro-
ductions (2 & 3 at least
that his book mentions

Excuse blots. Strawn
[illegible] to aid us exclusive
us when you attended the
school. We was delightfully
located on a nice street
at about the [illegible]
[illegible] Ave. which is
on [illegible] and was
about one [illegible]. We was only
a minute's walk from
the [illegible] and [illegible]

sq. & but 2 from Trolley
on Main st. The R.R.
Station is about 5 or
minutes walk from the
public sq. Our Power
was erected 1898 &
is thoroughly equipped.
It is the finest building
erected on this little
lane
Lots on Main st get
from Ridgefield Sub Br
very cheap & Lots as

dear Miss Ely en route
for NYC. Just got word
that Grace Irwin &
Tunah want me. My
telephone number is

3371, ring 4.

Cordially

Faithfully yours

Fiske Ely

Stamford. Conn.
20 Jubilee ave
VI

Dear Mrs Wood. 1 25
Thank you for forwarded
Coins bought through the
Jubilee. We have communi-
cated with him. Satisfactorily
according to Jubilee
Letter of advice.
How vain is imagination
& yet it believes the
to use eyes of faith. This
is why we cannot walk by
sight and the
eye of Ridgefield. of here
would be sent forward to
servitude to [illegible]

Eyes. This is Lesson 2
Germane to the Rhyming
Crown with 3 elements
in the Tau attributing the
elements of the Rosicrucian
Fire Ceremony. Knowledge
Sutra. I advise you to
Submit an Affirmation to
it to Zaw. If you don't
Cule as it, I'll give a
demo on Channel 10
Unity. Unidentified, as
You know it is Irrelevant
Weight Release
3-4 in his book. Page 71

Last illustration given from very often: a star with some number of points (concave) — the objective illustration is said "indéterminée". In fact supplement to the book: a star but with more points the attribute (cd. to a pentagon, near Puerto Rico, yet the pentagram is the right one & cited in Fig. 1 cd. is illustrated in supplement.

If you put in 2 critical edit having the

Cs. fr. Vierge -

My impression is that
Cs. on these res. differs
somewhat strongly bearing
a striking similarity
I think the Cs is better
illustrated in the book
than its supplement.
From unwilling unqualified
to attribute fr Rue
fr 3 C's drawn fr Vierge
noted I can compare
the same with the
C's marked on reverse
obtained [illegible] Burl

Will receipt of
my Return for Fees
until I report my
Title cubmit — July
next Dep. I am now
seriously studying
Practice Examinations
Dep. & so will be for
I [illegible] me to
return you Fees at
once. Date of
Discharge Jan 12th
Postage [illegible]

Yours Ely

Stamford Ct. 8/20. 01

Dear Sir Knox.

I received the copy of your
favored of the 16th inst. It
is not likely I will
be in Boston before
Sept. 15th. I intend to be present at
the Grand Council of 33° Masons
begin on Sept. 17th.
Will communicate with
you in time to avoid
myself of opportunity
to meet you. Meeting Treasurers

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Ridgefield. Conn. VIII
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Dear Mr Wood. 05

Appreciate your kindness in sending "Joughs" and found it will make it a permanent part of a valuable coin book & so have it for handy reference. You know it will not inconvenience me in the least, as I wrote for you to retain my books until December. Meantime & at once please refer to both Chalmers & Attins (vide ltr. given to Nevins) & tell me if the 5th cent as obverse is given e/m of "Nevio" is Nevio with an "A" under? I think the figure is "7". Yesterday & Tuesday I purchased one

with the q in Nevis. 7 Of is of great rarity. I have never known any of these 1cs. to be offered for sale in U.S. either at public or private sale. In St. Cat. of Seth Colic Stamp Co — Lyman M. Low Edition, one is listed as having the Nevis 6 (Nevis) 6 . May not this 6 have been mis-taken by catalog for "9". It should in West Indies has three 1cs. respectively c' stamped Nevis, Nevis 4" 7"

Nevis 9" . Cannot divine from rubbing whether the □ is punched or encircled. For

[illegible] [illegible] reference
[illegible]. of course, will make a
memorandum of existence
of Nevis H – 7 – 9 of Sabath
b. Numismatic authors
letter for only one moment
You will excuse me if it be
what I guessed ? Just
received an interesting letter
from Jay. but he does not
answer certain questions.
He expresses surprise that
I have in my museum
cabinet coins of Mozambique
I account for this by the
fact that the capital city
of the Portuguese territory

is an island named Mozambique". In collecting mountains I give a liberal construction to word island. Toulouse is partly on an isle. Have something of this city. Paris being in part on island, city - I have a collection of the issues (including the first Sallières & essays bearing the mint mark of Paris (have visited this mint). The same as to mint mark applies to island capitals of Denmark and Sweden. During my

6 months' residence at Rome (3
found nitre (3 shillings) from
the Vatican a favourite
resort of Roman Emperors
an island called "Tiberina"
, named after Tiberius Caesar
(am writing from memory,
not having time to verify!)
I so I have in my cabinet
the 12 Caesars beginning
with Julius the dictator.
So for islands in Salt Lake
Utah, I have hitherto got
But I have for last 3
or 4 years coined this
suggestive word Antelope
Island

my quest to the "islands",
strictly speaking, as from
the just in respect to
"West Indians". My mental
specialty is the coinage
of West Indies — whether
provided for in stations
fully with reference to
estimated silver, gold &
base metal. Any contribution
by way of exchange that
you can make in this
connection will place
me under personal obligation.

Have you many sons (&
base metal of any kind) with
coin (heart, triangle, pleonic

Fig. Letter, Letters of Numerals 4
Many [illegible] N. Indies!
Do so. Kindly list the same
& Know for sure the charge
on it to St. Bartholomew; for
I sent it. And this prompts
me to add that I bought
it some years ago for the,
then, price seen for before.
me (before I knew anything
about values) for $2.50 &
$3. Also. Said him at same
time [illegible] established & sons
(in St. Eustatius. (S. E.)
the same since. Was
kindly invited. Neither
since is with note from

his price. He took advantage of me — Knowing my need. Subsequently I had the same experience I have had no misunderstanding with him, tho. some price of circumstances I have not for a long time tried to purchase anything of him. Then too. if one exhibits a piece recently purchased the matter party is at a return & tells him the same said for it, the article invariably is said too

Rench" ok, "I can sell it for one fifty" (he throwing meanwhile that he had made his sale). I ("owned" he remarked) was it worth to my private collection & will not part with it. As authority on "Science" I regard him as only average.

To show the value in his fine eyes, I send you inclosed sent to me by my friend. His portrait (still living). Kindly return it after perusal. I send five

Rubbings. Am I right in attributing the original use to Italian, and rotund to China?

On other rubbing what does Chinese stand for. Have a risky sense that Pecksniff "shutting" makes me misdisposed to study this accounts for length of Pistellin

Faithfully yours
Justin Ely

Dear Mr Wood.

Stamford. Conn. Sept. 08

It seems very nice & kind of you to send me such a handsome sign manual. Meanwhile what new contributions have you made to numismatic literature! What choice additions enrich your cabinet! If money does not think me forward, at your earliest convenience when en route for New York to stop over and lunch with us. Whenever you do we will give you a cordial welcome. We've not visited the Park for at least six years. Otherwise I would have bought a pleasant interview. I presume that you continue to be a rigid fatigable student of "Oriental" numismatics. Yesterday I ordered upon your Surplus. Admirable! I am indebted to you for valuable notes. Martin respecting "Byzantine" and "Sassanian" The substitute you kindly sent is descriptive remains unrivaled on its field. I have found volumes of Sallet on "Islamic" Arabic numismatic are the

[illegible] in which case [illegible] to me both of the
[illegible] Red [illegible] obtained for me. Also. The 1 & ½
Essaies of Mark Jno (under French rule); the
1 Soldino of Candia (Crete) "Ex J. A. Rev Sebastiano
5 Pisa 16 sto. L. V. R: Fides Publica, both for Levant
The Fine of St. Mark ne obv. (Indicative of variation
in lieu; of Cassia the 2 soldi & 5 soldi of 1736 & 1 soldo
of 1768; of Corfu, the Corvetto-Jubilee (1852). Fine
of St Mark. R. Crown & 1 & ½ Pinotres of 1874-87
(under England); of the Azores 10 Reis AE 1750. 0.1.1
with 10 Reis, cond. R. Crown "Provincia Insularia;
of St Thomas & Principe; of Madeira, 5 Reis AE 1850
Crown &c. "Provincia Madeirense". Rat. in lower &.
These are some of my discoveries. Where the
plates are, respectively, remains. They must be very
few in number in order for the uniform condition in
other has. of the set (as figured. address & P. of Madeira)
It is possible that you may have duplicates
some of my additional desiderata & can be
of service to me in the way of obtaining them for me.
You have a Jno. AE of Philippines (Manila) that

I send w[ith] the Museum at Leo. in gold cabinet (2
to record it the condition is very fair or rather
good. Nevertheless, because I purchased made in
getting Philippines I decided it desirable to have
or exch. some years ago was first left at Iraw out
to me by the Chairman or approved. I forget
the value. Am attached to it. Just being in search
mean of an exchange with numismatics (which I
use not) even part with this Leo. considered in true
I seeming a better one.
Kindly at your earliest leisure
inform needed information: give fullest descrip.
of copper mason Rajas of Ceylon (Colombo) Ty
(Islands) + name 2 Leo. inclosed each in
separate envelope. The Porcelain Venetian re-
semblance I which I send a suggestion in general
the Chinese Leo. from you to me. Thank you
Contemporary Ceylon stripped from their pedestal
Envelope. In envelope marked "3 Spanish coppers
O C" are Leo that baffle me. Possibly there is

Have already [illegible] Holland. She rb. (d/to in ex.) service
[illegible] but [illegible] "stamps". Please [illegible]
The request for information is to enable me
to list [illegible] Foos Leo. Dowy to trouble you.

And I have to offer in exchange the following
Vide Standard Catalog (cpte) of Coins
Coins Leo. 1893)

1/50 Agores. X Reis AE. Catalog. number 1. Cost 50 cts V. y fine
1873 " 21 Reis AE " " 6 " 35 cts V fine
1873 " 70 Reis AE " " 3 " 40 cts V fine
1876
St Thos & Princes Islands
1913. 50 Reis. Catalog "7. Fine Cost 50 cts

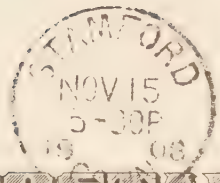
Madeira
1952 - X Reis. Fine for fine Catalog "2. " 40 cts
Surrian
1879 - AE 10 obli (Idsiga) Catalog "5. V. good Cost. 50 cts.
Page 150 Corfu. Copy. Zuzzalla AE. Catalog v. Good Cost. 50 cts.
Crandia (Crete) Catalog. "3. f 150. V. g cts fine Cost 50 cts
Vide Scott's Silver Catalog of 1893 Mauritius. 4 pcs. Page 145 "; c "2
Fine & V fine Cost $1.50 [illegible]
[illegible] Netherlands 4 "s. AE V g [illegible] Very Low. The two pcs
Paid Proby $2.00
Mail W. wish for Nos & Indies. My price $1.00

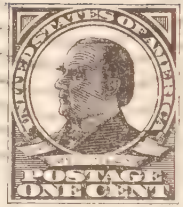
Guernsey
1830. H Duchess E. rg & fine cost 15-[illegible]
Montreal Token of J. S. Bronsdon. obv. deo. arctic
½ d. size V. g. cost 25-
Leghorn. 2 Piastre Æ
Settle Standard Copy p. 150 #2. Only four extant.
Not illustrated
Cost at Davis sale $1.00. My price .30.
Bowling Providence. The "Small Rufus." (1815 to 1825)
R. Atlantic X 139 #23. V good (50c) 50c to
Soon ready to exchange all preceding (A.)
listed pcs. for anything (not necessarily in-
dian) that is nice to own. I don't possess,
you must have some duplicates. Remember
me cordially to F father and mother

Sincerely Yours
Foster Ely

Dec.
Stanford Num[illegible]

markings of Chalmers etc
in attributing ~~them~~ hexagonal
spec. es T so Sobugo. It is
further octagonal little spine.
Vide Zay's book. Never heard of
spec. hexagonal. I obtained
the specimen from which cut
from Zay & Chandler said Lov
#1 or 15 for the octag. he
that nicely fits the central
cut of the #. As you know the
spec. of Parker from Sfunfa es
radiated with it ele-
mations so distinct. Your
spec less es. Sobugo. I have
both the Omaha & Stanton
Mountain; indeed both
kes. The 3 in Spain &
dotted enough. Yours Faithfully





POSTAL CARD

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Mr Howland Wood
Dec of
93 Pennsylvania
Brookline Mass

Stamford. Conn 1/17.04

Dear Sir Ward

If did my heart good to see your

P. significant.

In reply to your inquiry. The circular

I send herewith is the large "Ries.

is for Montserrat W.I. I have it

having inserted the name in the several

Cayenne one ½ cent (cut) &

the precious cuf. Ultra stamped price.

& I am having the cuts made from

Montserrat some years ago. Stan Nr. 14.

Post & Dominica two cent is 2

cents on note. Montserrat 1ct.

in his cabinet. Letting us have

name. Stephen no Nr 10 Trinidad

Montserrat 1 cent 2 cent 4 cent

in Supplement to his book.

Nr 6 stamped 100. from Montserrat

to Montserrat. Low accept the

[illegible] as dollars. Schulman [illegible]. As to Leo Quintos the you should
discount it to [illegible]. I bought it at Lewis sale 15 – 20
years ago; a rare piece, though not so rare as a similar
pc. to St. Vincent — like the Co. being an error of those [illegible]
Your pc. is illustrated in Guy's book, as is also that of St
Vincent. I am positive that there are no documents to prove
that Leo Quintos ever had any silver c'stamped or [illegible]
My inference is that they never saw any silver c'stamped for the
island. In the Brighouse sale 1903 .. 6 such silver pcs. (all counterfeits)
were attributed to Leo Quintos that if genuine belonged to St Lucia.
[illegible] when I wrote to you that dealers after executing they refused
to bid I did not care to execute my bids. When recalling some of
the plates of catalog that illustrated them; it is surprising

that the price is written so as not to
distinguish my meaning. Have now the
catalog. I write at this to secure it, I
think from rubbing it. S. Lucke Ste. is
sure he can at it will determine
him. If you can find me in the way
of buying at a reasonable price a fine
Reduction 1/2 Ec. of the year Devastation
(Paris mint) Francs 1804-B I'd be
thankful. I am recently in pick. I bought
of H. Chapman the Numisma sive of 1828
in good as very [illegible] conclusion (similar to
the) for $3. of in the very Ste. Wesdine
to [illegible] ago & Rd a discription for
[illegible] I can rubbing; this is best
I can do because of effacement. Tell
me something about [illegible] Devastation
it indifference, as you know in
1821. the rubbing of Jamin Fine VII

For Mr. Ward.

Mrs. Carl Albert Schwab

611 West 156th

Desiderata. 4/15.04

Nevis. Cs. on Spanish Local of 12 sols / Sols du Vent- Nevis b

Haiti. Under France
1 Escalin R (Lib. stndg.
½ " JR (Rev. colonie den

St. Vincent. N.J. Cuf. silver ½ $ of Pinnates with SV interlaced on 3 angles

Guadeloupe C'stamp in gold Médes on (
Martinique " " " "
Grenada " " " "

St. Vincent: N.J Medal. Cuiv. Bl.

Sols / Jersey. 5 s. Token. Atkins "44
Sols of Man 5s Token Atkins "22 or "23

Sols Connotes. 5 francs R
Act / 1889. 10.000 fcs. Jay / 252

Ville du Cap. Escalin R. Jay 3 Suf / 16
Cul anchor cinq (.

Zanzibar ½ & ¼ Real R 1799 = 1881

Greenland 1777 1 Piastre of Denmark
1777 ½ Piastre "
Round struck in Copenhagen
" Iceland Greenland
Faro ..

Mauritius. 1820.
Arabic. Money AR
Half dittos of Rupee are: struck by
no Rupee ones in similar
set of 1827 for West Indies

One-eighth dit.
one-sixteenth ..

Teneriffe:
1829. 20 Reis AE
1829. 40 Reis AE

Madeira: 1830 to 1853. V Reis. Ker Pecunia
Azores. 1750 to 1777. III Reis. In all with III
under crown R. Arms. Pecunia
St. Thomas & Prince's Island 1817 to 1876
10 Reis AE.
Mozambique: 1840. AE 20, 40, 80 Reis

Fine Gold.

Just unexpectedly rec'd a few sets of the following rare duplicates.

Rather than return so few at once to be helpful if possible to you, I offer you these 3 duplicates for $2.00. They are the

N
ELBA

very gold some

U.S. Conf 1803 V.G. fine cob Crown of Bustleum

1834 Navarra Doc leat Isabella II. Not being listed it is rare. A few in one no better $1.50 to $1.75

This letter of introduction
you will find that the letter
is true.

Accept the inclosed for
Virginia & Great Britain

I am sure

Faithfully Yours

Foster Ely

For his Work

My dear Mr Wood H/ab-09
Mr Gay strongly advises me to
transfer my R. (2 R[illegible]) & £¼ R[illegible]
of Santa Marta to Santa Margarita
de la Peña (30 miles off the coast of
Venezuela, belonging to Spain) &
I did so this morning (last Saturday)
By referring to Mr Wood's
circular of Aug 1905. you'll see my
R[illegible] illustrated by Gay & also described by him as in fact [illegible]
BM silver & cuivre Rare obv. & same
type & date of 1870 in the same;
the only difference is the rev. that
of cuivre has beny crown above rat
& date: & the R. treats 2-P sep.
by two columns in sea, 2 globes bet.
banded by label, crown above, date
below. I think I'll make the

Jay Transfer Concedes his attribution as given in Spinola's
Circ. to a mistake; as a Venguela effects in Secrecy
the Ministration of my 2 Rds in the circular, informed Jay that
he had long had the Sc. in his cabinet & knew it was
coined in the dotard Marquita de la Porta. I can find
no good reason for attributing the Sc. & effigies with other
same type for Santa Maria. I refer to his transfer, as we
talked about it when you were here.

As to the Sc. with Cs. V (legible), I sent you, you must
attribute Cs for Jay who has good authority for it; & in
your list immediately, make the mem. "came from Jay's cabinet
Jews check to pr. to Ded: I send you accordingly the

3 pcs quoted from Jay & also the very remarkable one cheque figured U.S. of 1803 Cd. Sir Richard of Barthelmew

1 Rl M. 1834 Bank of Habana.

Set and found not [illegible]

of Ethan E. 1815. The only example of Ethan. Of course this is not an original. I omitted to say this to you. No is mine which is exactly like it. An original piece of Jay Inform me he has 1000 pieces at sub. auction in this locality

He will be a very lucky man who can find the original signed from - to [illegible] Habana and we wish much

Make sham sho p.2.20
sha ely enjoyed soin visit
& homeward we use always
glad shall you stop
this a visit ourrute

Sincerely Yours
Foster

Stanford Conn 4. 30. 09

Dear Mr Wood.

Find in Stanley 50 cts for "Erba" returned. Have but 35 + gatrans & they are Sic. Sinc. Mfgr. Co. Mfgr. Co for "Erba" also Gay & Sin. has pte returned 2 have entered in my book as 1815 Medal 24 Mfgr. Gatrans. 10 Ky not possessed the "Erba" galv. is elected. if one accepts a medal e unofficial that is destruct. ed even from Sinc. die. If makes no difference I use as I'll return it eventually to Gay. Just think yesterday afternoon I in the type foreign a Cayenne & solid letter strict Latin & inc. for gothic work c Sinc. Guadeloupe & Martinique. Think for Nickel Silver. Shortly Long Branch there is a "pleasure" meeting. Had occasion for write to Gay Mfgr. Pleasant things about sun. Don't forget for visit Mo. always glad to see you & your mineral

Yours truly

P.S. as time for visiting Co Ohio did not know if I was galvano. as because Gay & Sinc. makes

Mfgr. Co

Mfgr. Co for "Erba"

Stamford May 11. 1909

My dear Mr Wood

Shall you be sending [illegible] medal. Despite the fine print on the reverse it is fine and would make a place in my little cabinet. Just now, however, I am [illegible] many letters demanding my attention, because [illegible] absence. I have been attending the consecration of Dr Thomas as Bp. of Wyoming in Feb. 1892. The medal is described in the priced catalog of "Medals, Coins & Tokens of Central America". Pub. by Scott Stamp & Coin Co. Lyman H. Low made the catalog. As this piece attributed to F. 774b. (your attribution) as the authority. Though priced unc. circulated at .75, it will rank in the present condition $1.00, your net. As this I believe. As in Rhein you to Think

of my Receipts with Numbers answering to the Times for
Rent in them. Herewith you also, a German Catalogue of
Seeds for 1808. If my Letters will carefully examined to
contents. I am very Respectfully Your Friend Hodgson
Portuguese Jews. Estimated in Martinique & Guadeloupe
at two Hundred Millions, 1 sous to a Denier, 1789. K. Joseph
Du Rent et sous Le Rent "Ci inclus" n'a pas été mise
en circulation". The Letters of Minister of Finance authenticate the
Just & unexecutation. Hodgson Jones, Jr. Brown & Shipley
by way of Amsterdam. Unless fine, I do not come to Rome. When they
arrive Genoa. d'Ecouté. Poor Gay. Physicians his condition is
Low & very Alarming to his Life. Faithfully Yours. Foster Elg

Stanford Manor.

Dear Mr Hood.

I think you ever so much for your prompt reply, which relieving the trouble I have caused to buy a new. Your information - I the editor- ial office must enhance your labors, and seriously tax your time. I think you will find when you carefully list your pieces that you have many duplicate

this favorably. to the experience of nearly
all advanced collectors. If there are
visit me. duly inform me so that I may
make it a point of being at home. I
have recently added some rare West Ind
to my little cabinet. of those. I recall the
3. H. I. & S. (Fence), each having the ES in
with the inverted letters M & W. the fleas are
of Guiana & similar to those mentioned

Ridgefield. Conn. X

20

09

Dear Mr Noor

I am it is one of my
ways to study Literature
The chief study due to, the
the removal is a very matter
of over head for a time. The
American Civil conflict is
Civil, but unfortunately for
Truth they take [illegible]
Especially in Colonial writing
it may associates here mainly
the English speaking [illegible]
just that of the district [illegible]
facing the problem [illegible] do
not wish to be discouraged
like Molière & Racine and
modern. Recently [illegible]

an interesting & instructive
letter from Mr. Gay. He inclosed
one of his cuttings & advised following
up the French Colonies (mentioning
that I was going to get the
inclosed a fine piece of Cabaica
Evidently Mr. Gay was dis-
pleased at his choice collection
In his letter he explains the
P.M. award & mentions a
[illegible] which
corresponded to his Queen
Victoria letter. Thank you for
getting me the information
I wanted. I [illegible] received
a Manchester letter [illegible] slightly
because not fair, & can have
no special numismatic
val. Kindly accept mo.

I am finishing for Ireland
in Lent as early as 1913. I am
already [illegible] if I finally
[illegible] at [illegible]
Can you tell me about mi-
closed sitru fe.? d'it Venetian
is Sandwich. You can probably
tell at a glance & do send
me [illegible].

On great haste
but ebidently
Yours Ely

Deleted

Stamford Conn
October fourth.

Dear Mr Wood.

First of all thank your mother for her hospitality! I enjoyed my visit and regret not having seen you again. The compensation youthful appearance of your friends overpowered me; so I expected to find you, with your matured intellect the son of these astronomers in genius. Your father, though, explained the matter, when he observed that you mother was married when young. Most certainly, for

stamps differ somewhat from the illustrated ones in Jay's Supplement. Both of the pieces with the smaller stamps of Hobart, were sent by Jay himself, if memory serves me right, as to their genuineness.

I thank you for the Chinese prices, and hope that at your convenience, you will, as you promised, send me a list of your best pcs. of Malacca or Straits Settlements (Labuan and Labuan and Borneo)

It, however, will be of no use to me unless along with it you send me some letters of the inscriptions, which I can decipher with some Chinese Key. Just as to the coins of Siam I should much like to see the duits of Kedah, where the

Sultana services. If not, they must have been from the British Mint — there being nothing tributary to the English.

Have you a duplicate of any of the pieces of the Confederate Islands (in copper &c.)? It may be there are no such pieces.

I will buy Cents and in some way to receive receipt your favors. Can any one buy you a list of Cents which comes under Mons that I desire. Do not write, either me other buyer for, the most appeal to me. Have so much to say no time to write many of them. Never fear in collecting, the only exceptions to check marks, are those found only in base metals or Fleur-de-Coins.

Faithfully yours,

Fouke Ely.

Stamford Dec 1. 1910

Dear Mr Wood

I have my portrait etched by Schiller (Vienna) in same style as my original etching of the Amsterdam Street of 1888 (Mr Schutman's collection) & sent to Mr J. P. Morgan's collection of Oriental Art. I am sending you a proof of the same plate & should like to exchange it for one of the Amsterdam Street. I have also sent to Mr Morgan's collection (including West Ind.) African, Asiatic & Oceanic Art catalogues & the sale of the Eumorfopoulos, Dec 19th. January 9th

I assume you've the catalogue. I have by no means lost my interest in Numismatics, as is plain from my retaining so many gems

I have left with a healthy can-
do. Hereafter I am an eclectic.
I do not intend to buy hereafter
any G.J. base metal; & nothing
below the condition of F.D.C.
unless they be rare cut-silvers
Kent dimes

I am suffering from lumbago.
This accounts for the erasures.
When a fellow suffers he is liable
to let the pen go astray.

If you care to know what Medals
I received from my cabinet and the others
at Constantinople, I will send
them catalogued from 1441 to 1588.

The only ones not mine between these
numbers are 1441, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39,
1440, 54, 57, 68, 80 & 81, 86, 87, 1500, 1501
1502-3, 5, 6, 1507, 11, 15, 17, 20, 24
25, 1533, 55, 69, 70, 74, 74 & 1575
(35 lots, 48 mine)

Kay Esq Havana

I enclose an extract
3 lies from Zaya & also some
tale gastrano.

(1) Theodosius King of Corsica (the

Fermack adventures. Jay says 4 L
an original recently sold for 400
francs

1670 Boulle de l'Amerique
Vide Jay p. ~~148~~ 145. #3

1670 Jefferd XIV. Jay p 41
Jay was never able to obtain
a Pic own collection with
success Price Theodorus 80
1670 Ludwig XIV 100
1670 copies 50

Pardon my being absorbed so